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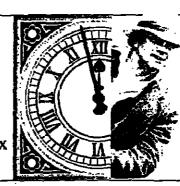
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Attack outrages business leaders

# Labour 'front men' exposed by Heseltine

By JILL SHERMAN, ANDREW PIERCE AND PHILIP BASSETT

MICHAEL HESELTINE enraged some of Britain's top businessmen yesterday by accusing them of being front men for the Labour Party and of writing a politically monivated report.

Having demanded an invitation to speak at a conference to be addressed by Tony Blair, the Deputy Prime Minister insulted his hosts by claiming that the whole event was a "set up" to give the illusion that. Labour had business support.

He then angered British Airways as well, by claiming that it had struck a deal with Labour to win exemption from its proposed windfall tax on privatised utilities.

Mr Heseltine made his allegations at a conference held in London to launch the report, Promoting Prosperity, by the Commission on Public Policy and British Business, whose members include the supermarket chief David Sainsbury, the British Aerospace chairman Bob Bauman the GEC managing director George Simpson, and Sir Christopher Harding, chairman of Legal & General, which regularly contributes to

the Conservative Party. The report came out insupport of a minimum wage, the Social Chapter of the Maastricht Treaty, British participation in a single European currency and an inde-pendent Bank of England with the freedom to set interest

But Mr Heseltine denounced it as politically moti-vated and said: "I question the motives of those who cloak



Typical Every time we have a business forum this happens

their political intentions with academic respectability."

He also attacked the leftleaning Institute of Public Policy Research, which commissioned the report and host-ed the conference, claiming that it was deliberately trying to give the impression that Labour was supported by businessmen when this was clearly not the case.

"This is a front for the Labour Party," he said. "This event is designed to give the impression that Tony Blair is speaking to an audience of commercial men and women. The trouble is that most of them are from the public sector, the media and admen." Mr Heselune also irritated both British Airways and Labour with his remarks about the proposed windfall tax. "We read that British Airways have escaped the net," he said. "I've heard that there is no

such thing as a free lunch. Evidently, if you work at it, there can be free dinners." Mr Blair has had a number of dinners with leading industri-alists, including Robert Ayling, chairman of British Airways, - but both sides denied last night that any deal had been made.

Mr Heseltine, who telephoned the institute last week lemanding a slot at the conference to express the Government's view, later told BBC Radio 4's PM programme that he had been determined to expose the political leanings of the conference. "I could see the set up to give Tony Blair an apparently clear run. It would have been presented as an independent exercise. It wasn't," he said.

ButProfessor George Bain. the head of the London School of Business and chairman of the policy commission, was "flabbergasted" by Mr Heseltine's allegations. "I regard it as an insult to myself and to my colleagues to be branded a front organisation

for the Labour Party," he said. Professor Bain and fellow members of the commission later wrote to the Financial Times describing Mr Heseltine's remarks as "a piece of political knockabout". Rejecting the suggestion that the commission was trying to "curry favour" with Mr Blair, the letter went on to say: "We were rather surprised at his comments, given that the commissioners are drawn from across the political spectrum and represent all sectors of



Heseltine: "Event is designed to give the impression that Blair is speaking to commercial men and women"

aim is simply to promote British prosperity.

Commission sources said that while they had expected Mr Heseltine to disagree with some of their recommendations, they were surprised that he had chosen to attack in such personal terms business leaders who had created considerable wealth for Britain. And one member said: "Michael Heseltine has been right to stress the importance of competitiveness. Our report addresses that issue in a serious way. It deserves better, from someone who ought to know

party political agenda: our Professor John Kay, director-report. We don't agree with aim is simply to promote designate of the School for everything in it, but it's impor-Management Studies at Oxford University and one of the authors of the report, said: "Michael Heseltine has been siliv. I have not decided who I will vote for at the election. But if Mr Heseltine continues to publicly assert that I am a stooge for the Labour Party, then I will vote for the Labour

> Adair Turner, Director-General of the Confederation of British Industry, also dismissed the Labour front\* claim, saying: "I don't think that is how one should look at this report. It's a serious

then we have problems."

Mr Woodhead's views ech-

oed those of Dr Nick Tate, the

Government's most senior

curriculum adviser, who called last year for more Mozart and less Blur on

schoolchildren's CD players.

A spokesman for John Sulli-

van, the writer of Only Fools

and Horses, said: "If he [Mr Woodhead] watched Only Fools and Horses, he would

know they went to a terrible

The Lord of the Rings was

defended by Malcolm Brad-

bury, Professor Emeritus of

American Literature at the

University of East Anglia: "It

has a very special cultural

value. It is a book that crosses

the magic line between child-

hood and adulthood."

everything in it, but it's imporpolitical situation we are in, to respond critically but constructively to a serious report like this."

Even the Institute of Directors, the free-market business body, took a similar line. Its head, Tim Melville-Ross, was critical of a number of the reports proposals, but he examined it fully and welcomed some recommendations as

Commission profiles, and Matthew Parris, page 2 Peter Riddell, page 9



Blair. Tory anger stole his thunder

# Whitehall lapse let **UK firm** sell arms to Hutus

By Michael Evans DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

AN OFFICIAL inquiry has found that the Government failed to implement all the requirements of a United Nations arms embargo on Rwanda, thus allowing a British company to supply weapons to extremist Hutu militia.

Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, admitted in a written Commons answer yesterday that the UN arms embargo was not implemented in the Crown dependencies, the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands. It was from the Isle of Man that the Mil-Tec Corporation masterminded the supply of military equipment worth more than £3.3 million to Rwandan militia in Zaire during the Rwandan genocide in 1994 - as disclosed in The Times.

The sale of arms was uncovered after papers were found in eastern Zaire when Hutu militia fled refugee camps

The Government announced last November that it had established an inter-departmental committee to see if there had been a gap in armstrafficking controls. Mr Rifkind said that the lapse, which also included a delay in implementing the embargo in the dependent territories such as Gibraltar, Bermuda and Hong Kong, had been put right last month. A committee had also been set up to coordinate the imposition and lifting of embargoes.
Customs investigators were

still seeking to establish whether there had been any illegal acts "coming within the UK's jurisdiction", he said. Tony Loyd, Shadow Foreign

Minister, accused the Government of gross incompetence: The Government has failed to provide adequate explanation of why it did not extend the arms embargo against Rwanda to the Isle of Man.

## MP is taken from hospital to vote

A seriously ill Conservative MP was brought to the Coun-mons from his hospital bed last night as the Government battled to avoid a defeat at the end of a health service debate. Charles Goodson-Wickes,

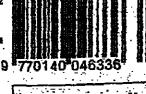
the MP for Wimbledon, complained about the decision by whips to bring him to West minster two days after undergoing abdominal surgery.

## Millwall set for administration

Millwall will be placed in administration this morning. becoming the first quoted football club to collapse. The club, which was relegated to the Nationwide Second Division last year, has £10 million of debts and is losing £3 million a year. The club will continue to play......Page 25

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# **Tories lose** Lords vote on gun law

BY JAMES LANDALE

THE Government suffered a fresh defeat in the House of Lords last night when peers voted to pay compensation to gun clubs forced to close as a result of Michael Howard's new firearms legislation.

The Government had been prepared to pay only market value compensation worth about £150 million for large calibre handguns and their accessories, which will be made illegal by the Firearms (Amendment) Bill, introduced after the Dunblane massacre. Shooters' associations said that if the defeat stood, the

The Lords voted by 158 to 135, a majority of 23, in favour of an amendment backed by Lord Swansea, the chairman of the British Shooting Sports Council, and many other Tory peers. The Home Secretary suffered a double defeat in the Lords on Monday over plans

for police bugging powers. However, the gun amendment is likely to be overturned when the Bill returns to the Commons. A similar amendment was defeated by MPs when the Bill first went

through the House. A second amendment last night, giving compensation to anybody who suffered loss as a result of the Bill, was defeated by 147 to 120, a Government majority of 27.

# 'Lowbrow' Del Boy gets it in neck from schools guru

By David Charter, education correspondent

DEL BOY and Rodney, the stars of Only Fools and Horses, were singled out yesterday as prime examples of the lowbrow culture undermining school standards.

British business. We have no

Chris Woodhead, the Chief Inspector of Schools, said that the stars of the BBC comedy, which attracted British television's highest audience yet, 24.35 million, at Christmas, were poor role models and their popularity reflected low national aspirations.

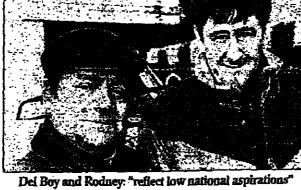
Another example of low cultural expectations was the choice of The Lord of the Rings as the nation's favourite book of the century. Mr Woodhead Government would have to added. J.R.R. Tolkien's fantapay millions more in compensy epic came top of a poll by Waterstone's, the booksellers, and Channel 4; the result dismayed Germaine Greer and other academics because writers such as Somerset

Maugham and J.B. Priestley were overlooked. Mr Woodhead, in response to questions after a lecture in London on raising standards, said that it was the job of

teachers to try to instil greater discernment. Parents and society generally also had to help to promote more edifying works instead of blaming teachers for failing to raise standards, "What was the most popular programme over Christmas? What is the most popular book? If The Lord of the Rings is our favourite book, what is it saying about our attitude towards quality in the arts?" Mr Woodhead asked.

English teachers ought to be trying to develop discrimination. The Lord of the Rings is an immensely readable book, but it is not the greatest work of English literature this

school. However, they strive to be happy and they have good A BBC official said: "Only Fools and Horses is written by the top comedy writer in this country, if not the world, and the levels of performance and production values are excellent. It is popular programming and its aim is to entertain, so I don't see what Mr Woodhead is on about."



century. Schools function within society and it is naive to biame schools for all social wrongs. I am at times pessimistic about cultural expectations and social support for teachers. If Del Boy and Rodney are the only role models available to the young.

Collection was the first for five years

# Whitbread prize goes to Heaney

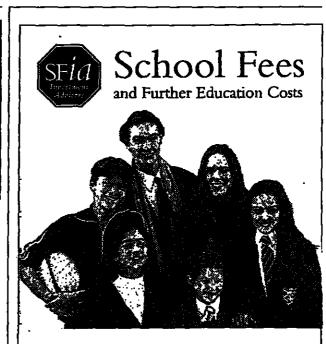
By Dalya Alberge ARTS CORRESPONDENT

THE £21,000 Whitbread Book of the Year award went last night to poet Seamus Heaney. who received the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1995.

He received it for his first new collection for five years. The Spirit Level, surprising many in the literary world. who had felt convinced that the novelist Beryl Bainbridge was going to win for Every Man for Himself.

The chairman of the judges, Malcolm Bradbury, said that it had been a "tightly fought decision" and hailed Heaney as a "poet of poets".

The other finalists were John Lanchester, whose The Debt To Pleasure won the first novel award, and Diarmaid MacCulloch, whose Thomas Cranmer: A Life, won of the biography category.



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# Baby of reason is thrown out with the bathwater of farce

ter's recent Asian tour, mused Tim Rathbone (C. Lewes). does he recall seeing a beautiful and rare flower, Rafflesia anoldi, parasitic in nature, with no stem or root, which with its vines embraces any handy shrub or

The mental image of Tony Blair as some kind of a political orchid cracked frozen faces even on the Opposition side. "Plant!" shouted delighted Tories, but if the question had been planted, someone had forgotten to tell

the Prime Minister. John four minutes, one offering Major seemed stumped for a reply. Not for the first time, it was the slightly too clever question from his own side, intended helpfully, that unsettled Mr Major.

He had no trouble yesterday with questions from the other side. Tony Blair took three kicks at the Government's management of the NHS, but ended up stubbing his toe.

As so often happens with Blair's and Major's spats these days, the two men yelled at each other for about

one proposition, the other another, those propositions being, on closer inspection. consistent with each other.

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Tony Blair said that children in need of intensive care beds were being "turned away" from hospitals. John Major insisted that no child in need of a bed had been refused one. The two statements are easily reconciled by a third: that where a bed is unavailable in one hospital, it is offered in another.

Neither Blair nor Major was prepared to articulate



this obvious truth. It is insufficiently cheerful for the Government and insufficiently hysterical for the Opposition. So we had a ridiculous shouting match which, on this occasion, John Major won — by pointing out, to some effect, that if Mr Blair really believed that there was an NHS crisis, it was odd that he would not commit

himself to increasing NHS

At this point, the Baby returned to haunt us. We intend no disrespect to this baby or its parents, whose ordeal must have been terrible. Blame the politicians, who have turned a real infant into a political football, lending its ordeal a note of farce. The Baby first made its

Westminster appearance on MPs first day back in the new year, when a backbench Labour MP raised with Madam Speaker (under Points of Order) reports that a baby had been turned away from a hospital in the North East and had been sent to Edinburgh, 120 miles away. Madam Speaker was unable to

The next day another Labour MP raised the Baby with Michael Heseltine at Prime Minister's Questions (John Major being away). Mr Heseltine, having been given no details, was unable to help

Yesterday the Baby was back its journey to Edinburgh was recounted to the Prime Minister by David Clelland (Lab. Tyne Bridge): Your sketchwriter cannot be certain that this is the same Baby, but the story sounded familiar. Mr Major pointed out that if Mr Clelland had wanted a useful reply, he would have given him advance warning of the case.

To Edinburgh — once —
and (we bope) back, the Baby
has now made three visits to Westminster. Nor, I fear, have we heard the last of it. Heaven send us the general election soon.

In the meantime, we waiched Teresa Gorman (C. Billericay), in precautionary blue, outlining her mutinous plans for a Euro-referendum. Listening on the front bench below the gangway sat Sir Edward Heath, absolutely immobile, his face an image of frozen rage such as one might observe on some portly Roman senator caught in mid-pout by a deluge of Vesuvian ash at Pomper.

Redwood

condemns

calls for

European

smartcard

PROM LEYLA LINTON

IN BRUSSELS

THERE was a marked lack of

enthusiasm in Britain last

night for the proposed intro-

duction of a European smartcard that would act as an identity document, driving

licence and electronic purse.

It is possible that the card,

proposed by MEPs and sup-

ported by the European Com-

mission and several member

states, could be introduced

alongside a single currency. It

could carry personal informa-

tion and, eventually, could be

used as a passport or even as a

house key. British MEPs have contrib-

uted to the proposals, to be published in detail next month. John Stevens (C.

Thames Valley), who contrib-

uted to a report by the Euro-

pean Parliament's monetary

affairs sub-comittee, said the

basic proposal was for the

European Central Bank to

issue a standard bank card at

the same time as the launch of

the euro, but that the card

could also be turned into an

# The 'socialist' business leaders who are revealed to be solid Conservative supporters

# Heseltine branded 'silly' for stooges gibe

AND ALASDAIR MURRAY

SOME of the captains of industry accused by Michael Heseltine vesterday of being stooges for the Labour Party have voted Conservative all their lives.

None of the 15 members of the Commission on Public Policy and British Business, which wrote a report critical of the state of the British economy, can have been more surprised to have been associated with the socialist cause than Sir Christopher Harding, the chairman of Legal & General insurance company.

Sir Christopher, 57. drew a veil over his political affiliations vesterday. But a spokesman for his company said: "We have regularly donated money to the Tory party. In 1995 we gave £30,000. Sir Christopher is not Labour.\* Sir Christopher was indeed regarded as one of Margaret Thatcher's favourite businessmen when she was Prime Minister, and was her choice as chairman of British Nuclear Fuels with a remit to prepare the industry for privatisation.

He is also a long-term director at Hanson, formerly run by the vocal Thatcher supporter Lord Hanson.

Professor John Kay, director-designate of the School for Management Studies at Oxford University, said that the Deputy Prime Minister had the advent of new Labour I would have been astonished to have been associated with the



Chris Harding

Labour Party because i voted Conservative. I have not decided who I will vote for at the election. But if Mr Heseltine continues to publicly assert that I am a stooge for the Labour Party then I will vote for the Labour Party."

Professor George Bain, the principal of London Business School, who was chairman of the team of authors, said he was "the original floating voter". He had come here from Canada in 1903 and been naturalised and had never been a member of a British political party. "I have voted for all of them and have yet to make my mind-up who I will vote for next time.

He has a string of director-

an just



John Kay

ships including with the the Economist Group. Mr Heseltine was on firm ground with his description of some members of the commission, an offshoot of the Institute for Public Policy Research, as Labour Party members. Gerald Holtham is the director of the institute and

is close to Tony Blair. However, Lord Hollick, the chief executive of United News and Media, who made a working peer by Neil Kinnock is the only out-and-out Labour supporter drawn from the business world who sat on the commission. His Express remains pro-Tory, despite rumours that it would shift its

David Sainsbury, who chairs the family founded supermarket chain, is one of the richest men in the country with a fortune estimated at more than £1.25 billion. Mr Sainsbury almost singlehandedly bankrolled the Social Democratic Party party, but has maintained his interest in politics since that party's demise through support for think-tanks such as the cen-trist Social Market Foundation, of which he is patron, and the IPPR. He also sup-

Mr Sainsbury revealed that he was too disillusioned to vote at the last election but

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George Bain

said more recently that he will vote for Tony Blair - if he votes at all this time. In contrast, cousin Sainsbury is a Tory MP and

Bob Bischof, the former chairman of Boss Group, has been described by the Financial Times as the best known German businessman living in Britain, his home for 30 years. He served for a soell with Truhand, the German government agency charged with the privatisation of East German state assets and now, in retirement, is working on a view of the current state of



Jan Hall

was an admirer of Margaret for anybody. I am offended by the comments of Michael Heseltine." He laughed off the suggestion that he voted Labas a centrist. our. "I have a German pass-

port. I in fact support Helmut Kohl in Germany who most people here would regard as a Tory. I am not a politician. I am an economist and businessman. Jan Hall, the European chief executive of GGT Group, who is a former Veuve Cliquot Businesswoman of the Year, was also surprised by Mr Heseltine's comments. In 1996

her work for the Department of Trade and Industry.

she was made an OBE by

Thatcher and voted for her, she said. "I now regard myself

The only reason I agreed to become involved in this exercise was because I was assured it had no partisan political invovlement. It is there for the benefit of a Liberal Democrat government if they win the election." Other members of the commission include George Simpson, the managing director of GEC. who has not voiced any views on government policy recent-ly. Bob Bauman, the Harvard Aerospace, is an American who has not made an issue of

"If we had ID cards, the issue of frontier controls woold be irrelevant," he said, pointed out that a bank card with built in ID would also be

However John Redwood, the former Tory Cabinet minister and leading Eurosceptic, said: "I am strongly against this proposal. This card would not be a positive move for Britain." He added: "It is not right for Europe to take responsibility for other nations' internal affairs. We are an island and we should keep it

Atiya Lockwood, a spokeswoman for Liberty, said the smartcard would raise issues of whether people would be required to carry it, or effectively be barred from using a range of services and goods if

they did not have one. Government officials immediately poured cold water on the proposal, which is more far-reaching than the plan for a voluntary identity card that the Government has already been shelved. "This will not be supported here," one White-

hall spokesman said. Mr Stevens said: "We are trying to kick-start the debate and bring it out into the open. We would hope that the report. would prompt the European Monetary Institute to show their hand on the subject."

France, Germany, The Netherlands, Spain and Italy are already considering ways of upgrading their citizens identity documents. Private sector companies and banks keen to avoid fraud would promote the card, according to Mr Stevens. "It is not a question of using taxpayers' money." A recent Green Paper on introducing ID cards in. Britain put the cost at £600 million.

## Left-wing thinkers who took on Thatcherism By ANDREW PIERCE THE Institute for Public Policy Research, which was at the even down to its headquarters working peer, was head of the First Division Association of Civil Servants. She is an centre of the row with Michael in a fashionable corner of Heseltine yesterday, has never Covent Garden. Its funding is adviser to Mr Blair and has

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made any secret of its political

It was set up as an indepen-dent charity in 1988 on the orders of Neil Kinnock, the then Labour leader, to try to challenge the intellectual dominance of the tree-market think-tanks spawned by the Thatcher years.
The left-leaning intelligentsia had finally bitten back. Its

founders were Clive Hollick the multimillionaire chief executive of MAI, who was made a Labour life peer in 1991, and Baroness Blackstone, the Master of Birkbeck

Lord Hollick, a generous donor to Labour Party causes, is a director of British Aerospace and owns the Express group of newspapers. Lady Blackstone, one of the Labour Party's leading intellectuals. has a trontbench role in the House of Lords. She has been tipped for Cabiner office under Tony Blair.

The left-wing think-tank is

provided by wealthy party

The trustees include Robert Gavron, a close friend of Mr. Blair, who has been named as a donor to the blind trust that funds the Labour leader's office. He is also the chairman and proprietor of the Folio

John Edmonds, the general secretary of the GMB trade union, who is no longer part of the Labour leader's innercircle, is also a trustee. But he is a powerful force within the trade union movement. Other trustees include Patri-

cia Hewitt, a Labour Party parliamentary candidate, who was Mr Kinnock's press secretary. Gail Rebuck, chief executive of the publishers Random House, is another close friend of Mr Blair. She is married to Philip Gould, the advertising and polling expert, who is regarded as Labour's answer to Sir Tim Bell.

Baroness Symons of Vernham Dean, newly elevated to the Lords as a Labour

er to Mr Kinnock when he was party leader. Charles Clarke, who was Mr Kinnock's chief of staff and is now a parliamentary candidate, is another leading light.
Lord Donoughue was the

chief of staff at Downing

Street in the last Labour

clashed twice with Michael.

Heseltine over the alleged

politicisation of the Civil

Lord Eatwell, who was

made a Labour life peer in

1992, was an economics advis-

government Jeremy Isaacs, the former general manager of the Royal Opera House, who is a noted Labour sympathiser, is another trustee along with Alan Jinkinson, the general secretary of Unison, one of the biggest trade unions. Professor David Marquand, who was a founding member of the Social Democratic Party but has since returned to the Labour Party fold, is also a

# Extra test for dangerous new drivers

Orivers who accumulate six penalty points within two years of passing their test will be forced to put back their Lplates and take it again from June. The idea has been law since 1995, but the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency did not have the funds to administer it until now.

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# Ministers may expel loyalists from talks

BY NICHOLAS WATT, CHIEF IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

LOYALIST terrorists were warned by the Government yesterday that their political representatives, may be expelled from the Stormont talks after a series of bomb attacks on Catholics.

in a marked toughening of its position, the Northern Ireland Office said that recent loyalist bombings "inevitably raise questions" about the position of the political parties linked to the terrorists.

Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland Secretary, had insisted until yesterday that the loyalist ceasefire remained intact even after terrorists tried to murder two prominent republicans in Belfast and Londonderry. But ministers decided to

register their unease about the loyalist ceasefire after terrorists tried to murder a Roman Catholic couple and their baby girl in Larne, Co Antrim, on Monday, John Shaw, 37, and his girlfriend, Adele Burly, 25, escaped when a bomb exploded under their van.

Ministers will face calls for the Progressive Unionist Party and the Ulster Democratic Party, the political wings of the Ulster Volunteer Force and the Ulster Defence Association, to be expelled from the Stormont talks when the first plenary session of the year is held on Monday. The British and Irish Governments can expel any party if its members have breached the Mitchell principles of non-violence.



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# Doctor quizzed on murder struck off for dishonesty

By GLEN OWEN AND CAROL MIDGLEY

A HEART surgeon who was questioned about the murder of his former flatmate three years ago was struck off yesterday after the General Medical Council heard that he had "wriggled and squirmed and lied" in his personal and professional affairs.

Glenworth Cummings, 34, was suspended from the doc-tors register in June 1995 after he was convicted of forging the signature of former classmate and gynaecologist Dr Joan

Dr Francisco was the main prosecution witness at his trial at Knightsbridge Crown Court in October 1994 and had rigged herself up with a tape recorder to record his admissions that he had used her name on the mortgage appli-cation for a flat in Hampstead, north London, and to try to buy a Jaguar XJS car.

She was found murdered in her north London flat on Boxing Day 1994. She had been strangled with a vaccum cleaner cord.

Her body was found at the bottom of her stairs and her bedroom had been ransacked. It is believed she was killed while packing for a holiday in Los Angeles where she was

Mr Cummings was immediately questioned by police. In

a statement not read out at his original trial she had alleged that he had spied on her while she was undressing while they were sharing a house. No-body was charged with her marder and Mr Cummings. who was never arrested, was later ruled out as a suspect.

Rosalind Foster of the GMC, yesterday told the pro-fessional conduct committee of Mr Cummings' tangled finan-cial affairs since his conviction. She said that since the committee had suspended him in June 1995, three new irregularities had emerged

Mr. Cummings had claimed he was employed as a cardiologist at the Royal Brompton Hospital and the National Heart and Lung Institute while applying to Selfridges for a credit card, she said. He also gave false addresses and false information about his employment on two credit card applications on October 8 and 19 last year, to Sears Financial Services, she said.

They secured credit for Mr Cummings which otherwise would not have been granted. Healso gave false employment details to two medical agencies with whom he was seeking work. Jane Schuck, a placement officer with Medacs Health Care Services, which places locum doctors, told the

Miss Foster outlined Mr Cummings debts. She said he still owed £104,000 on the mortgage and £14,000 on the Jaguar car, along with a E4,000 overdraft at Lloyds Bank and £4,500 in legal fees for his failed appeal against his suspension. Despite this, she said, he

hearing she had received a telephone call from Mr Cum-

mings saying he was ready for

work even though he was still

suspended.
Miss Foster said he had

been "persistently dishonest" adding: "The public deserve to

rely on the absolute integrity

of doctors. You have a doctor

before you who has continued

to wriggle, squirm and lie, not only in his personal affairs but

also in relation to his profes-

ordered his name be removed

from the register after finding him guilty of making dishon-est statements. He has 28 days

The committee found him

guilty of dishonesty with re-

gard to the Selfridges credit card and the phone call to the

locum agency earlier this year, claiming that he had worked

at St. Mary's Hospital, Pad-

dington, for a period of time.

It also found that he had

misled the committee over

whether he had signed a

cheque for nearly £17,000 to a

loan company in respect of the

proposed purchase of the Jag-

conduct committee

sional practice."

to appeal.

had recently bought a watch worth nearly £2,000. Questioned on his "expensive tastes" Mr Cummings said: "How much you pay for a watch depends how long you want it to last."

At the hearing Mr Cum-mings conceded he had been foolish. "I accept that I have rather made a mess of things," he said, adding that he realised the seriousness of his position. "One does not come to a committee like this without reflecting on the sequence of events that has brought one here. I realise that my career is in jeopardy."

He made no comment as he



Brink of danger, father and son talk on the Tamar Bridge, Police did not know

# Father risks life on ledge to talk son out of suicide

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A FATHER risked his life by walking along a slippery girder 138ft above a river yesterday to stop his suicidal son from jumping. The drama ended as the two men hugged.

Police negotiators had tried without success for two hours to persuade the 20-year-old son to climb back to safety from the foot-wide ledge on the Cornwall. The depressed man was taunted with cries of "Jump" from onlookers and passing drivers.

Officers had not dared to

venture on to the ledge from the rain. The 53-year-old father arrived and immediately climbed out to the rescue without consulting the police. The two spoke, then hugged and climbed to safety.

The bridge is so notorious for suicide attempts that the Samaritans are hoping to put up an advertisement at either end. In the past five years, ten people have jumped off and eight have been killed.

Acting Sergeant David Cartwright of Saltash police praised the courage of the father, who is not being named to protect the identity of his son. Sgt Cartwright said: "This was a very difficult situation because the man was perched on a very narrow, slippery ledge with his legs hanging over.

"He was in an extremely agitated state and refused to speak to us for quite a while. We tried to build up some kind of rapport but he was not communicative and it did not help that a crowd gathered below and some passing drivers wound down their windows and shouted 'Jump!'.

We were trying to calm the lad down but he was right on the edge. He was not mentally ill but he had personal difficulties which he had not been able to talk to anyone about. It seems he had the type of problems which a lot of young people have today - no job, no prospects, and no girlfriend.

"The conditions were against us. It was very windy and very cold. Even when the



Alive: helped back to reach safety

we could barely hear what he was saying. We were up there

for almost two hours. We tried to gain his confidence and eventually he gave his name and we managed to fetch some family friends. Somehow his father heard about what was going on but we did not realise he had arrived until we saw this man shuffling along the girder.
"None of us had gone down

there. The lad was in such a state that if we had climbed over, he would probably have jumped and the ledge was also extremely narrow and slippery because it was drizzling.

It was very brave of the father to go down there and we were very worried about his safety. One slip and both of them could have fallen to their

"He was trying to get his son to hold his hand and then he hugged him and within minutes they both climbed back to safety. The father was so worried about his son's safety that I don't think he gave a second thought to his

# friend sought to destroy him

By Lin Jenkins

THE man who made allegations that Premiership football matches had been fixed admitted yesterday that he turned on his friend Bruce Grobbelaar and set out to destroy him after their business collapsed. Christopher Vincent also

admitted that he stood to make a fortune if any of the three footballers on trial for allegedly rigging results was convicted of the crime. Mr Vincent, a chief witness in the trial at Winchester Crown Court, will not at least £76,000 from a book deal with the publishers Macmillan and about £100,000 from a television company if the goalkeeper, John Fashanu or

Hans Segers are found guilty. The contract for Betrayal of Trust: The Inside Story of the Biggest Scandal in Sporting History includes a clause making payment and publication dependent upon the sentenc-

ing of those convicted.

Mr Vincent, who was declared bankrupt with debts of £98,820 in March 1995, has also entered a deal with Samuel Kersh, an agent, to sell serial rights and handle poten-

tial film and television deals. Rodney Kievan, QC, for Mr Grobbelaar, said to him: "It is in your interest to try and

secure a conviction against one or more of these men." He asked Mr Vincent: "It is

payment by results, isn't it?" Mr Vincent replied: "Yes sir." Mr Vincent had a series of business failures to his name. Three companies had ceased trading before he set up Mondoro Ltd to provide holidays to his native Zimbabwe and recruited his countryman Mr Grobbelaar as an investor.

Mr Vincent, who was paid £35,000 for selling his story to The Sun and luring Mr Grobbelaar into agreeing to act for a fictitious ring of gamblers from the Far East, lived off the £65,000 which Mr Grobbelaar invested in the company. Mr Klevan said that, after

the failure of the venture, "you turned like a viper on him". Mr Vincent: "That's correct." Mr Klevan: "Because there was money still to be made?"

Mr Vincent: "That was not

the reason." Mr Klevan: "Mr Vincent you will destroy your friend by lies, not by truth, as long as you can make your money." Mr Vincent: "That is not

Mr Klevan: "It is true you seek to destroy him." Mr Vincent "Yes sir." The hearing continues.

# Grobbelaar's | Put me back in prison, says man bored with bail

By BILL FROST

A FIREMAN released from jail on bail pending an appeal became bored with life on the outside, knocked on Brixton prison's front door and begged to be allowed back. A cell was found for him but five days later officials discovered that they had no right to hold the

Led to freedom once more. David Watson, who is appealing against a threatening behaviour conviction, decided to ask his lawyers to help him to be locked up legally. South-wark Crown Court in south-east London was told.

Abiud Kaihiva, his counsel, explained: "He became aware he was suspended from his work and instead of wasting away his time without doing anything he felt the best thing to do was to serve the remain-

der of his sentence."

Martin Latiffe, for the Crown, who said he had never come across such a case before, told Judge Jackson that Watson was now making a formal application for his bail to be rescinded. Watson was found guilty at Horseferry Road Magistrates' Court of threatening behaviour at a nightclub and jailed for three weeks just before Christmas.

He gave notice of appeal

and six days later was granted bail. But the fireman decided that life on the inside was better than on the outside and duly returned for a further spell of bed and board at Her Majesty's Pleasure.

However, after passing several apparently contented days behind bars, Watson, whose appeal is due to be heard next month, was told he had to go. "Someone realised they had no right to keep him because he was effectively still on bail. It had not been rescinded and he had not breached it," Mr Latiffe said.

As if being thrown out of prison was not bad enough for him, it has since emerged that his voluntary return to Brixton was wasted "porridge" and could not count as part of his sentence if he lost his appeal.

The judge, refusing to rescind Watson's bail, said: "You can't have somebody volunteering to go to prison in circumstances where he has a live appeal ... that is an odd combination." He could not allow Watson's plea "simply because he wants to do something with the spare time he has got at the moment".

Watson, from Mitcham, Surrey, then once again reluctantly walked to freedom.

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# . Male motorists begin to admit that the driver in front is a woman British drivers are now women. "Per- men and the young than among women

By JONATHAN PRYNN TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

3 WOMEN drivers have carned the respect of all but the most die-hard chanvinists. Since 1988 the proportion of men claiming that they are better drivers than women has fallen from 35 per cent to 24 per cent lest year, according to the nisth annual Lex report on motoring.

Over the same period the proportion of women who believe they are better drivers than men has risen from 45 per cent to 54 per cent. Overall, 31 per cent of motorists now think women are superior motorists, compared with just 8 per eens nine years ago. About 40 per cent of

haps more male drivers should learn from their female counterparts who have fewer accidents and a more responsible driving attitude on our roads, "Sir Trevor Chinn, the chairman

of Lex Services, said. Overall, the survey of 1,209 drivers found that a third believe that driving standards in Britain are bad or very bad, although three quarters rate themselves as good drivers or better. Only one motorist in 100 rates their own

Seven out of ten drivers admit to at

and the elderly. Incidents of "road rage" are also

multiplying, the survey reveals. An estimated 275,000 people a year have their ears deliberately hit by other road users and about 130,000 a year are physically attacked. Almost three quar-ters of drivers confessed to feelings of rage, with just over half having verbally abused or gestured at another driver.

The report also found that "more speed cameras with fines if more than 20mph over the limit" would be the measure most likely to improve driving. least one case of poor driving in the past year. The figure was far higher among saying they would slow down.

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Four-page travel special on the best of Greece in Weekend

Home Secretary prepared to allow Labour amendment on prior approval for bugging

# Howard may accept compromise to salvage Police Bill

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MICHAEL HOWARD is considering a compromise to ensure that the Police Bill gets through the Commons after the Lords voted against his plans for the bugging of suspected criminals' homes.

The Home Secretary is expected to table amendments that go close to accepting Labour's demand that chief constables get approval from special commissioners before surveillance operations go ahead, rather than after.

However, he wants to make clear that the police will still be able to go ahead without approval in emergencies. Labour says its amendment. passed by the Lords on Monday night, already makes that provision, but Mr Howard seems certain to insist on greater clarity. He is also likely to reject the Liberal

judges, rather than judicial commissioners, to give

Mr Howard spoke on the elephone yesterday to Jack Straw, the Shadow Home Secretary, about ways of taking the Bill forward. Mr Straw, who is expected to have further talks with Mr Howard, declined to disclose details of the conversation. However, he said: "I believe that, provided the Government accepts the spirit of the amendment from Labour, which was approved by such a large majority in the Lords yesterday, cross-party understanding will be possible."

Labour sources claim that the front bench tabled its amendment in the Lords in the knowledge that chief constables have said privately that they could live with the proposal for authorisation by

commissioners. Twenty-nine Tories and ten past and them Lord Bingham of Comhill, the Lord Chief Juswho voted for the Labour amendment. They then backed the Liberal Democrat call for authorisation from a circuit judge rather than a judicial commissioner.

In the Commons yesterday, John Major said the changes made by the Lords were unsatisfactory"; the Labour and Liberal Democrat amendments were "contradictory" But he added that Mr Howard would reflect on the views expressed, and added that intensive surveillance could only be used in investigating serious crime when no other method was possible.



Michael Howard talked on the telephone yesterday with Jack Straw about taking the Police Bill forward

# Hundreds of transcript notebooks lost

By STEWART TENDLER

THE national criminal intelligence centre is to tighten controls on police telephone tapping records after 900 notebooks with details of sensitive transcripts went missing.

Albert Pacey, director-general of the National Criminal Intelligence Service, admitted yesterday that the notebooks should have been destroyed but denied corruption had taken place or investigations were harmed. The notebooks vanished between 1985 and 1995.

booked out in a ledger and once a case is

over the notebooks are destroyed. But Mr Pacey said missing files started to come to light when police in 1995 discovered John Donald, a London drugs squad officer, had some notebooks. An inquiry was ordered to uncover lost

A year-long national hunt by a team of detectives led by John Stevens, an Inspector of Constabulary, accounted for the vast majority of books. The inquiry cost up to £1 million. Mr Stevens's inquiry

notes of transcripts at a centre for found hundreds of blanks in the ledgers. Their notebooks are The notebooks were supposed to be used The notebooks were supposed to be used only by senior officers but junior officers had gained access. His officers inter-viewed 396 current and former detectivess and found notebooks left in offices,

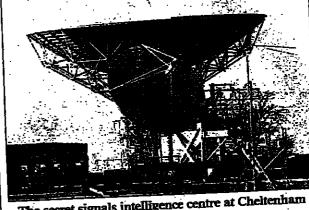
garages and homes. Mr Pacey said scores of recommenda-tions in a confidential report by Mr Stevens had been taken up by the

National Criminal Intelligence Service. Mr Donald and a retired officer who was officially in charge of the notebooks were reported to the Crown Prosecution Service but no prosecution is to take place.

# Never mind the January sales, here's the latest round of BT price cuts.

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# GCHQ signals readiness to help overcome organised crime

■ Security sources say the technological resources of the Government's signals intelligence centre can be used to monitor major criminals. Michael Evans reports

nals intelligence centre is ready to play a decisive role in combating organised crime, security sources said yes-

terday. The part played by Government Communications Headquarters (GCHQ), based in Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, in helping police, Customs and the security agencies to tackle serious crime is seldom recorded. However, as the Government struggled yesterday to win Opposition support for its Police Bill, aimed at giving the police powers to bug and burgle suspected organised criminals without the need for prior judicial authorisation, sources said its huge technological resources were available to assist law enforcement agencies.

GCHQ's principal function is to provide signals intelligence support for military operations. It played a crucial role in assisting British military commanders in the Gulf War and, currently, in the peacekeeping operation in Bosnia-Herzegovina where more than 5,000 British soldiers are serving.

Although GCHQ is constrained by the tasking re-quirements set by the Cabinet Office's Joint Intelligence Committee (JIC), it is permitted under the 1994 Intelligence Services Act to deal with organised crime, especially where international criminal godfathers with transnational operations threaten the sec-

urity of this country.

The security sources said that while GCHQ was principally involved in "outward" (overseas) eavesdropping operations, it had the capability and the authorisation to listen "inwards" when its major customers, such as the police and Customs, sought its help in monitoring the activities of criminals.

One senior security source said: This is still only a small proportion of GCHQ's work. which is mainly aimed at overseas, but it has the technological skills that could make a difference in tackling orga-

nised crime." The JIC, whose membership includes David Omand. the new director of GCHQ who took over in July, has not

THE Government's secret sig-centre to increase monitoring operations against organised

However, organised crime is now regarded as one of the growing threats to the security of this country which will increasingly involve every law enforcement and security agency. MI5 now has officers attached to the National Criminal Intelligence Service who are empowered, under the 1996 Security Service Act, to tackle organised crime where it affects national security.

Under Mr Omand, formera senior official at the Ministry of Defence, GCHQ has acquired a sharper and more Whitehall-attuned reputation. After dealing with ministers for so long as an MoD official. Mr Omand is aware of ministerial sensitivities and has emphasised to his staff of specialist scientists and engineers the importance of being flexible in the new post-Cold War era.

Under the Intelligence Services Act, GCHQ can be authorised by the Secretary of State to eavesdrop on criminals involved in organised crime that threatens the security of the state. Although GCHQ comes under the political aegis of the Foreign Secretary, one security source said: "Secretaries of states are indivisible."

In other words, requests for GCHQ assistance could come from the Home Office or other Government departments. who would merely be expected to liaise with the Foreign Secretary before authorisation

GCHQ is spending a large proportion of its estimated £500 million annual budget on computer equipment to keep pace with the rapid advances in communication technology. Digital mobile phones, used by organised criminals and terrorist organisations, have presented a major but not insurmountable challenge.

The Cheltenham centre is also embarking on a comprehensive reorganisation. Under the previous director, Sir John Adye, now retired, moves were made to reduce the workforce of about 6,000 - including outlying stations at home and abroad - to 4.500 by the end of the century.

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# Prawn-flavoured carrots will put better health on menu

have half the family dancing a jig in an attempt to get them to go to sleep are no more amenable when they sit at the by the Cancer Research Cantpaign show that parents are defeated by their young children when it comes to getting them to eat vegetables.

... Children not only win the hattle of the greens when they are toddlers, but the entire war, as they are no more likely to eat their vegetables when they go to school than when they were in their high chair. All too commonly doctors witness an overwrought as their parents would expect. boring sometimes even disgusting, helpings of

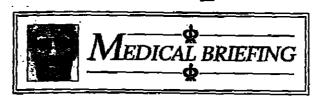
The immediate thought is that few adults would have eaten them either and that no self-respecting their would have dreamt of serving them

Children's tastes may be unschooled and underdeveloped but they can tell the difference between tired, old. hard peas and sweet, fresh peas cooked with a little sugar and butter and served

mother trying to coax or bully Potatoes mashed with a trace a tearful child into eating of skimmed milk do not compare with those laced with butter or cream.

So determined are modern mothers not to provide any excess fat with their children's diet that they make nourishing food inedible, when in fact it is necessary to bring out the taste of food and to provide lubrication so that it may be swallowed

The cancer campaign is concerned because there is mereasing evidence of a close



Dr Thomas Stuttaford

powers of fresh vegetables and a reduction in the incidence of cancers, yet the intake of vegetables is low in many parts of Britain. Gordon McVie, director

general of the Cancer Re-

that it is likely that a diet rich in vegetables and fruit cuts the number of cases of cancer of the colon by a third and may well influence the number of stomach and lung cancer cases. It has even been suggested that tomatoes may

The dietary habits inculcated in childhood can last a lifetime. If children are allowed to subsist on junk foods, they will miss out then and in later life on the anticarcinogenic antioxidants contained in vitamins C and E, beta carotene and folic acid, as well as in all the

Professor McVie has one other message to parents and school caterers. Frozen vegetables are much more healthgiving than those which have languished at the greengrocers for days. Keeping greens for three days reduces their vitamin C content by half. To achieve the maximum health benefit, vegetables should be cooked straight from the

garden or freezer. Professor McVie is so concerned that children no longer enjoy vegetables that he has asked Malcolm Walker, the chairman and chief executive of loeland Group, to undertake research to find flavourings that could make the broccoli or cauliflower

more tasty. Professor McVie reasons that if a cheese and onion

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crisps, why not similar or other flavours to boring vegetables? Carrots could easily be made to taste of prawn cocktails and cauliflowers of roast beef and mustard.

Mr Walker initially had his doubts but then remembered that mint-flavoured peas are one of Iceland's bestselling lines. He has agreed to cooperate and hopes to have the first of Professor McVie's flavoured range of vegetables ready for trial within a week or two.

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# Telephone codes to switch again after exchange fails

EIGHT million telephone users were told yesterday that they would need new numbers, barely two years after being promised that they would never have to change

London and other cities are already running out of numbers. Oftel, the telephone regulator, said that the new codes would be introduced during 1999 and run in tandem with existing numbers for at least a year. Oftel says the change will produce eight billion new numbers, meeting demand until at least 2015.

Seven million subscribers in London will be among the first to change. Business leaders yesterday complained that the cost and upheaval would come so soon after the switch to the Ol prefix, on "PhONEday" in 1995. Industry leaders esti-mate that it could cost £3 billion in printing, stationery. and reprogramming computers. The Telephone Users Association said: "Somebody did not do their homework properly so we face more disruption, and the numbers just get longer." Bill Mieran, the association's chairman, said: "We lifetime." trust this change lasts a long while and we don't hear more excuses in a couple of years."

Labour called for the sus-

pension of Don Cruickshank, -Oftel's Director- General. pending an inquiry by the Committee into what it called a renumbering shambles. To four years in this job that something that was started in future".

RINGING THE CHANGES

New telephone codes will be introduced in 1999 and run in parallel with existing numbers for at least a year. London will be reunited by popular demand under one code, 020. But the 0171 and 0181 prefixes, which Oftel says

will have no further capacity in three years, will still feature as all London numbers become eight-digit. So 0171-634 8700 changes to 020-7634 8700, and 0181-295 2100 becomes 020-8295 2100. Those in London will not have to dial 020. Northern Ireland changes to an 028 code, with two or three digits added to the current number so 01232 926222 becomes 028-90 926222 and 016625 34567 will become 028-850 34567. The Province asked for a unified code.

Cardiff becomes 029 with the prefix 20 also added to the current number: 01222 926222 becomes 029-20 926222. There is also an option for an all-Wales code.

Portsmouth and Southampton will have 023, followed by 92 for Portsmouth and 80 for Southampton. Thus Portsmouth numbers will change from 01705 92622 to become 023-92-926222 and Southampton numbers such as 01703 926222 will become 023-80 926222.

Oftel is reserving 05 for corporate numbers, allowing businesses to adopt a single number for branches across the country.

By 2001, mobile phones and pagers will all be bracketed under 07 so callers will know they will be paying a higher

his. embarrassment, Mr Cruickshank was reminded of his remarks in 1995 when he introduced the OI prefix; "Youwill not have to change your again in your

Oftel officials tried to explain that "things have changed since then. Users weren't happy with our last proposals so we had to change again to create more numbers." Yesterday Mr Cruick-shank said: "Of course it looks" have "consulted and commu-nicated more".

numbering is a lot more complicated than I thought." He insisted that the change

followed an "exhaustive threemonth consultation process" with industry, local authorities, MPs and consumer groups. The change was designed to be "future-proof". He said that BT, which had begun changing numbers ten years ago, had done nothing wrong technically but should

the late Eighties," Mr Cruick-shank said. "We had to release Of in 1990 from Landon numbers, and then used 01 in 1995 to put all the geographical numbers in the country behind it."

Nigel Griffiths, Labour's consumer affairs spokesman, said that Oftel had ignored warnings during "the Ol switch" that this would not create enough new numbers for fax and Internet lines and that there would have to be another expensive upheaval. He said Oftel should pay for

BT said that it had seen the final proposals only yesterday and that "Oftel's forecasting was not what it should have been", adding: "Customers need to know this will definite-

ly be the last change".

The London Chamber of Commerce was "annoyed and dismayed" by yet more disruption. Simon Sperryn, its chief executive, said: This shows that PhONEday was nothing more than a stop-gap. With more foresight, these second changes in 18 months could have been avoided." The Consumers' Associ-

ation is calling for good publicity about the new numbers, and assurances that they will last well into the next century. Mercury - the country's second-largest phone provider supported Oftel's proposals. The Telecommunications Managers' Association "congratulated" Oftel on "develop-



A classic Chanel embroidered white jacket, matching gloves and long black skirt

# Lagerfeld holds the classic line at Chanel

By Heath Brown

AFTER two days of Parisian fireworks from the British designers Alexander Mc-Queen and John Galliano. with their elaborate couture presentations for Givenchy and Dior. Chanel's traditional salon show at the Ritz Hotel was refreshingly sedate.

The timeless setting was the perfect location for the classic creations of Chanel's haute couture collection. Karl Lagerfeld, chief designer at Chanel, knows his customers well and gives them exactly what they

want: vintage Chanel. Palazzo trousers and white organza shirts started the show off in classic Riviera fashion. Early 1930s styles true to the original spirit of Coco Chanel appeared in sig-nature collarless tweed jackets, simple separates, finely beaded empire-line dresses and picture hats.

Large feather ballroom skirts, a pink marabou lounge suit and feather-on-a-stick headbands by the top British milliner Phillip Treacy provided notes of drama in a show that otherwise epitomised the simple chic expected from

Lagerfeld and Chanel. Kiki Feraud, daughter of Louis Feraud, the retired French designer, took off in the opposite direction, fastening gold hardware bibs on African motif crepes and rows brass buttons on a blue bell-

# Late-night radio DJ to take over **Evans hot seat**

By Peter Barnard and Alexandra Frean

THE appointment of the disc air by the disc jockey Simon jockey Mark Radcliffe as the replacement for Chris Evans on Radio I's flagship breakfast show will be confirmed on

The decision will cataput Raddiffe from the relative obscurity of Radio 1's late night indie music and comedy slot into the hot seat of British radio, with a weekly audience of seven million. He will present the show from Manchester, the first time that a flagship Radio I show has been broadcast from outside

Evans will be a hard act to follow. Over the past two years his spontaneous babble and on-air antics have succeeded in reversing the seemingly unstoppable slide in Radio l's ratings. Since his arrival the station has gained about 800,000 listeners.

Radio I refused to comment on the appointment yesterday, saying only that Evans's successor would be announced on

how to make kilts, a garment

many would argue was origi-

nally designed by an English-

Enropean Union.

Mayo, who is standing in for Evans. Evans announced last week that he would be leaving the show at the end of March because Matthew Bannister, Radio I's Controller, refused to allow him to work a four-day week. When Evans failed to

turn up for work on Monday, the BBC agreed to release him from his contract immediately. Radcliffe, 38, whose eclectic musical taste has earned him the label of "the new John Peel", worked with Evans at Piccadilly Radio, a Manchester commercial station, and the two men are friends. Raddiffe is said to have once saved Evans from disciplinary action at the station when he interceded with the management when Evans accidentally wiped the tape of an interview

with Bob Geldof after Live Aid. For three years Radcliffe has presented a two-hour show on Radio 1 at 10pm four nights a week. Although he currently gets Fridays off he is



Radcliffe: will present show from Manchester

expected to front the breakfast show five days a week.
Radcliffe also presented
Channel 4's music show The

White Room, which is highly regarded for having the maximum of music and minimum of chat. Evans presents TFI Friday on Channel 4, the commitment which precipitated his request to Radio 1 to take Fridays off. Raddiffe's appointment will

herald a reshuffle at the station, allowing Peel to return to presenting a midweek show for the first time in three years. Jo Wiley is epected to take over the lunchtime slot from Nicky Camp-bell, and Dave Pearce will present the drive-time show.

# Footballing chef wins the double

GLASGOW Rangers' loss is the restaurant trade's gain. Catering's fastest rising star was originally destined for a midfield career with the Scottish champions.

In a new edition of the red Michelin Guide to Hotels and Restaurants, published today. the most significant changes are the second star won by Gordon Ramsay for the Aubergine Restaurant in Fulham, west London, and a first for the L'Oranger, opened last year in St James's, southwest

After leaving full-time edu-cation, Mr Ramsay had a professional contract with Glasgow Rangers, and played for the first team on a couple of occasions. He decided to opt for a career in catering

His is the only new two-star award in the new edition of the Michelin Guide. There are a total of nine new one-star awards.

Yesterday Mr Ramsay's staff at Aubergine said that he was "over the moon".

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# EU helps Scots lift kilt-making skills

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH, SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

land, has received about A SCHEME to teach Scots £200,000 from the European Union, which will be matched by the local council

man, is being funded by the The Keith Kilt School in the town of Keith in Moray, the only kilt school in Scot making from the Scottish

and enterprise body. Students who complete the year-long course will qualify for the first diplomas in kilf-

Vocational Education Council. An industry wide Scottish National qualification in kiltmaking is planted. The school was the idea of

master kilt-maker Robert McBain, who set it up when the traditional woollen industry was hit by the closure of several mills. Mr McBain, a former Gordon Highlander who taught kilt-making to the regiment's soldiers, says be has had an enormous amount of interest in the school, some of it from

He said much of the skill in making a kilt was in the marking and cutting. There are about 3,000 tartans on the market all with different widths and set sizes and all

became apparent that while the market for hand-made kilts was growing, there were fewer people who knew how to make them. The origin of the kilt is a

involved in the project, said it

contentious issue. The word kilt was first used in the 18th century. In Gaelic the word is fealeadh, with fealeadh mor describing an untailored plaid wrapped around the body and fealeadh beg describing the tailored version from waist to knee.

the kilt was invented by Thomas Rawlinson, an English Quaker who ran a smelting works in Scotland. He is said to have persuaded his workforce to dispense with



presenting their own prob-lems for kilt-makers." David Sykes, of Moray council, who has been closely

The Edinburgh Magazine of March 1785 claimed that

the upper part of the fealeadh mor in favour of the less cumbersome short kilt.

# £10m child abuse inquiry to question 180 alleged victims

CHILDREN living in care homes in North Wales during the 1970s and 1980s were subjected to physical and sexuat abuse "bordering on wholesale exploitation", a public

inquiry was told yesterday. At least ten of the alleged victims have since died. Most were known to have killed themselves because they could not bear to live with the consequences of the abuse they suffered from people entrusted with their care.

Up to 180 alleged victims are due to give evidence to the North Wales Tribunal of Inquiry which began its investigations into the "seemingly endless series of allegations" of abuse of children emanating from a small number of homes. Numerous complaints involve two homes in Wrexham, Bryn Estyn, run by

the council, and the privatelyrun Bryn Alyn. Peter Howarth, deputy head of Bryn Estyn, was jailed for ten years in July 1994 for sexual assaulting eight boys.
The tribunal, held in former

council offices in Ewloe. Flintshire, and chaired by Sir Ronald Waterhouse, a former High Court judge, is expected to last a year and cost up to

Gerard Elias, QC, counsel for the tribunal, said members were determined to uncover the truth and promised to find our whether more could have been done by the local authorities, the North Wales Police or the Welsh Office to prevent the abuse or detect it earlier.

William Hague, the Welsh Secretary, announced the inquiry last June at the personal insistence of the Prime Minister after persistent rumours that the homes had been in the grip of a national paedophile ring, whose activities were linked to public figures.

Investigations by North Wales Police resulted in eight prosecutions and six convictions for criminal offences. There were numerous internal inquiries, culminating in the 300-page Jillings report commissioned by Clywd County Council. But that still failed to dispel the "utmost disquiet".

Mr Elias, said that in this climate truth had been allowed to coexist with rumour and innuendo. The tribunal will determine whether there was any evidence of a greater organisation or infiltration by those with a determination to exploit vulnerable children in care".

He said: "The overwheming response by the tribunal interview team has been that complaining was not a real option. It brought no relief but risked yet worse treatment." He said questions will be asked over whether the level of funding from government and

local authorities played a role in the quality of care.

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Mr Elias, added: "If, as a whole, or in substantial part, they [alleged victims] are accepted by the tribunal, then it may be that they will compel the conclusion that children in care in Clwyd and Gwynedd during the period under review were abused physically and sexually on a scale that borders on wholesale exploita-

The tribunal was told that. although some files are miss-ing, they have records for 9,500 of the 12,000 children in care during the 20-year period in question. The inquiry has identified 650 complainants.

Mr Elias said it would seem an inescapable conclusion that, should abuse be proved, senior people in the social services were at best careless as to the plight of their charges and, at worst, negligent to the point of gross professional incompetence, or even guilty of deliberately shutting their eves. Local authorities had often seen the numerous inquiries only as an embarrass-

ing inconvenience. Sir Ronald made a ruling forbidding identification of either the alleged abusers or the abused, except for those who have been prosecuted and convicted. He said that public exposure could deter potential



Gathered from East and West: Portrait of a Young Man by Hals and The Holy Family by Poussin

# Masters of the world reunited from the spoils of power and empires

By Marcus Binney

GLITTERING prizes of power have returned to London after more than two centuries of changing hands with the world's fortunes. This time they are on public show.

The collection of Old Masters was amassed by Eneland's first and long-serving Prime Minister, Sir Robert Walpole, in the early 18th century. His descendants sold 181 paintings to the Russian empress Catherine the Great. In the 1920s, Russia's new Communist rulers sold three to America to raise hard currency. Now Russia, America and

Walpole's modern descendants, the Cholmondeley family, have co-operated in an exhibition that reunites some of the pictures at Kenwood House in Hampstead, north London, Parts of the collection were first hung together in the capital when Walpole was given 10 Downing Street to be his

Andrew Moore, the exhibi-

tury sleaze may be in order over the wealth of the man who held office from 1721 to 1742. Walpole himself had told visitors at the House of Commons that "every man has his price". Mr Moore said: "When he was later impeached. Walpole destroyed large quantities of his

papers. After he fell from power, Walpole took his pictures to palatial new house, Houghton Hall in Norfolk, where they remained until 1789 when his family made the sale to Russia for the then staggering sum of £40,000 to clear his vast debts.

Art lovers of the time described it as a huge loss to the nation. In the House of Commons, John Wilkes MP, better known as the champi on of free speech, pleaded that the collection should be acquired to form a gallery where young British artists could study.

The exhibition entitled Houghton Hall: the Prime

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Walpole: hint of sleaze and a legacy of debt

splendour of Walpole's patronage and collecting. It involves a rich selection of furniture, sculpture, prints and paintings.

Three spectacular canvases have been brought back from the Hermitage Museum in St Petersburg — including The Holy Family by Nicholas Poussier — and another three have been brought from the

Portrait of a Young Man by Frans Hals.

Also on show are paintings that Walpole's descendants acquired to fill the empty wall space at Houghton.

The Hermitage paintings are displayed in richly ornate. gilt Russian frames, inscribed with the names of artists in Latin and Cyrillic letters. Ian Dejardin. Kenwood's senior curator, said: "The Ponssin was so heavy. I thought it would pull the house down." Two stout pedestals now help to carry its weight. The exhibition starts to-

morrow and runs until April 20. The Russian press corps were strongly in evidence at the preview. A reporter from Pravda International commented: "The director of the Hermitage Museum, Dr Piotrovski, has been unfairly under attack, particularly in Germany, for mounting exhibitions of long-hidden works of art seized from the Nazis This exhibition shows him for what he really is, a great and generous scholar open-

# **Scientists** lend a hand to swat flies

By NIGEL HAWKES SCIENCE EDITOR

THE ability of flies to avoid being swatted could prove to be their Achilles' heel, researchers at Sussex University

Flies can react to an approaching hand with stumning speed because of a brain structure called the giant fibre. This ribbon-like cell responds to the threat by rapidly triggering the parts of the brain that activate jumping and

flying. Studies of how it works have raised the possibility of a new kind of inserticide aimed at disabling the fly's instant reactions. Such a flykiller would have the advantage of being harmless to other creatures. including human beings.

The giant fibre is fast because it communicates electrically, rather than through themical intermediaries as do other brain cells. Current flows through the fibre so quickly that the fly is on the move and out of range before the swat lands.

While a typical human being takes about a quarter of a second before the hand moves in response to something seen by the eye, the fastest insects are moving in a matter of a few thousandths of

Pauline Phelan, of the Sussex Centre for Neuroscience, and her colleagues are study-ing a strain of fruit fly that is easily swatted. As a result of a genetic defect, these flies cannot make a protein that is anparently responsible for estab-lishing the electrical connec-tions between the giant fibre and other cells in the circuit. The Sussex team aims to prove this by introducing the

gene into isolated cells. Higher animals have similar proteins, but their amino acid sequences are quite different. This indicates that invertebrates and vertebrates may have evolved different ways of producing proteins that perform similar functions.

If so, it may be possible to design pesticides that selec-tively block the process in insects without having any effects in other creatures, Dr Phelan said. With their escape mechanisms disabled, the flie

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# Cash-starved hospitals 'forced to discharge violent mental patients'

By Dominic Kennedy, social affairs correspondent

VIOLENT mentally ill people are being discharged from hospitals as fast as possible to make room for other dangerous patients who are on the streets, the author of a new study has said. The crisis in psychiatric care is worst in London, where nearly half the inquiries into killings by mental patients have been carried out in the past ten years.

oital needs at least an extra E00 million a year to provide 400 new acute beds tor of research and develop-

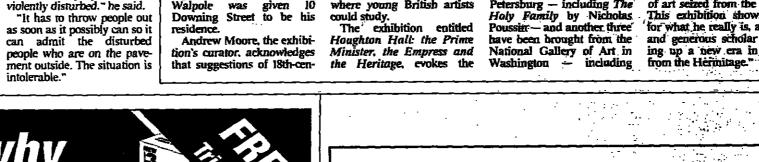
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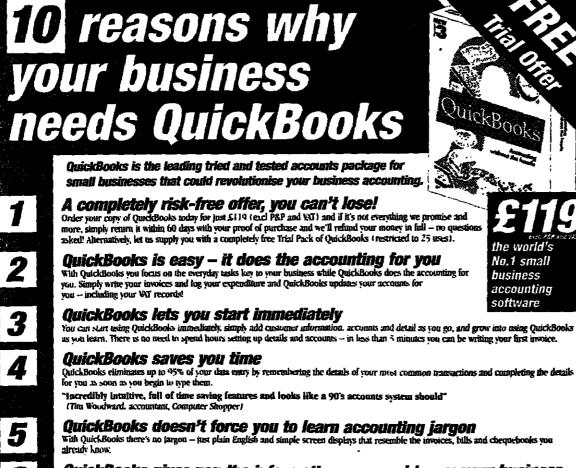
Secretary, announced after meeting the report's author. Professor Sir David Goldberg. that he was diverting £30 million to London this year. mainly from shire counties and affluent suburbs. However, it will have to be shared arts of the NM3.

between all Professor Goldberg, direc-

atry, said that it was a "disaster" that no part of London had the desired level of mental health provision. "What the service has done is to concentrate on acute inpatient care of people who are violently disturbed." he said.

"It has to throw people out as soon as it possibly can so it can admit the disturbed intolerable."





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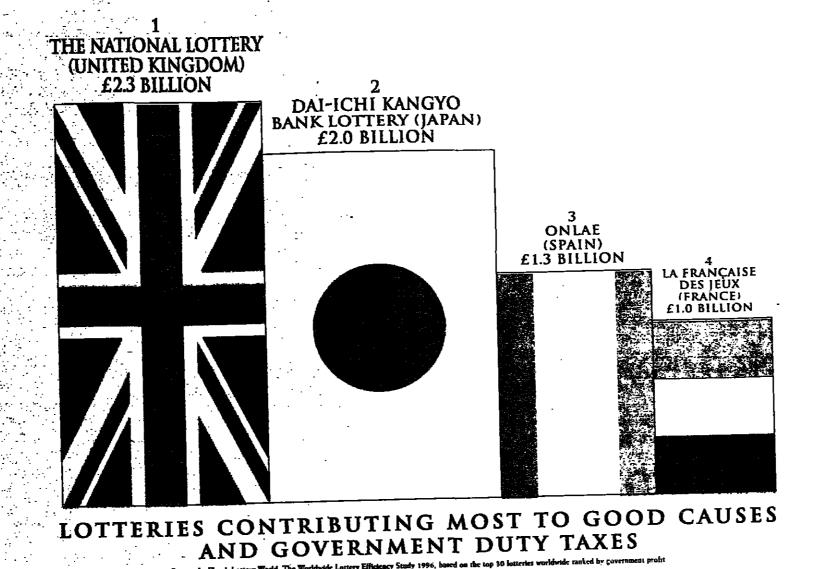
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# Last memories of the Titanic go down with oldest survivor



Edith Brown shortly before setting sail on the Titanic with her parents; her father, Thomas, drowned

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THE oldest survivor of the Titanic disaster, who celebrated her 100th birthday in October, has died in a nursing home in Southampton, from where the great ship sailed on her maiden voyage in 1912.

Edith Haisman was 15 when the Titanic struck an iceberg while crossing the Atlantic to America, claiming 1,523 lives. Her abiding memory was of her father, who drowned, standing on deck with a brandy in one hand and a cigar in the other. He waved and shouted: "I'll see you in New York." Mrs Haisman and her mother, Elizabeth Brown, were among those who found a

Mrs Haisman was the last of the surviviors able to remember events clearly, the

on ships and a former holiday

Full Sutton, which opened

ten years ago, holds some of

the country's most dangerous

criminals, including IRA and

Middle East terrorists, serial

killers and drug barons. It is

one of the five top security jails

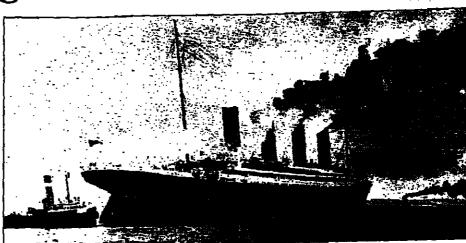
Stan Walpole, chairman of

the Prison Officers' Associ-

in England and Wales.

five others being too young at the time. Last year she sailed to the spot where the pride of the White Star Line slipped beneath the waves to lay a wreath in her father's memory. She said: "As we were walking up the gangplank, my father had a presentiment. He turned white. He had some sort of idea that some-

thing was going to happen." When the ship struck the iceberg, she said, "at first there was no panic because everybody was so stunned by what had happened. They didn't realise the Titanic was sinking. Nobody did. Most of the men jumped overboard into the sea. Those who could swim swam and those who could not swim sank. There was no hope for anyone. Kim Key. Mrs Haisman's



The departure of the Titanic from Southampton on her first and final voyage

granddaughter, said yesterday: "She always loved to chat, and on and off would talk about the Titanic. She didn't remember it with as

mother had lived in South Africa with her mother and her father. Thomas Brown, until he decided to move the family to America. They

years." She said her grand- came to England to buy linen and cutlery for the hotels they were going to open and they booked the last three secondclass berths on the Titanic herause there were no firstbecause it was only a four day trin, so they lost everything." Mrs Haisman returned to South Africa, where she met her husband, Frederick They married when she was 19 and they were together for 60 years before he died in 1976. She had ten children and is survived by four sons, two daughters and numerous grandchildren and grandchildren. One of her daughters, Dorothy Kendle, said that her

bother insuring anything

mother had another close call at sea during the Second World War. She, her children and other passengers were ordered to lifeboat stations while sailing to South Africa. Everyone there remembers Edith as the colmest person on the ship. She had been through it all before."

Mother of

missing girl

protests

innocence

The mother of Zoe Evans has

publicly denied that she was involved in the nine-year-old's

disappearance in Warminster

Il days ago. Paula Evans, 28.

and her husband Miles, 23,

were released without charge

on Sunday after questioning.

Richard Griffiths, Mrs Ev-

ans's solicitor, said she "em-

phatically says she is innocent.

She hopes against hope that

Conmen clean up

Hundreds of restaurants and

hotels have been tricked into

sending cheques to an address

in Kensington, west London.

after receiving letters claiming

that their staff had spilled food

or wine on customers over

Christmas. Dry-cleaning costs

The islanders of Eigg expect to

learn within days whether the

of £8 to £12 were demanded.

Expectant Eigg

Zoe is alive."

# Drugs crackdown set off rioting at top security prison

By Paul WILKINSON

A CRACKDOWN on drug abuse among prisoners proba-bly sparked 12 hours of rioting that caused damage estimated at £500,000 in a top security

The rampage in two wings at Full Sutton prison near York ended early yesterday when more than 100 speciallytrained prison staff stormed makeshift barriers built by the inmates. One person, a prisoner, was slightly injured.

Two wings at the prison were seriously damaged as prisoners wrecked everything apart from their cells, flooding communal areas and lighting small fires. Washing machines and dryers were destroved, snooker tables

smashed, and furniture and fittings in communal areas and offices ripped out and

The disturbances began when several prisoners were moved out last week after minor trouble over drugs in one wing. Yesterday Prison Service staff were putting emergency lighting into the two wings as 146 prisoners were moved to 23 other pris-

ation at the jail, said: "It seems that drugs could well be behind it. Closed-circuit teleons in England and Wales. One hundred cells at the jail vision was installed in the will be unusable for up to visiting area five months ago and that has cut the quantity three months, at a time when the number of prisoners nationally is predicted to reach getting in, as have the statu-60,000 by March and the tory random body searches. People who had built up little service is desperately seeking empires inside have lost some extra accommodation in prisof their position and they don't

> He said he did not know if any IRA prisoners had been involved in the violence "but not much goes on in there without their knowledge and

approval\* Richard Tilt, the Director-General of the Prison Service. travelled from London to examine the scene and talk to senior staff. "There was no indication that any trouble was developing, although there is some evidence of preplanning in that there was communication between the two wings involved prior to the incident," he said. There was a full-scale riot

inside those two wings and a tremendous amount of dam-C wing joined in. age has been done. It is deplorable that this should happen in what is a good, well-run, modern prison. The trouble began on Mon-



Richard Tilt surveying part of a wing wrecked by rioting immates at Full Sutton prison. Damage is put at £500,000

of the day at 6pm. Some refused to return to their cells to be locked in for the night.

A series of minor incidents followed, including tables being turned over and equipment broken. At least one small fire was lit. Then prison officers were threatened and one was pelted with snooker balls. Soon after prisoners in

Ronald Tasker, the Governor, took the decision to evacuate the area before his officers were injured. Reinforcements

day in B wing, shortly after the from other neighburing jails are window melted and ran by Judge Stephen Turnim, ed to Full Sutton.

Electrical fittings were pulled from the walls and plumbing ripped out, allowing water to flood to a depth of several inches in some places. Windows were smashed, doors - including one large steel-barred gate - were torn from their hinges and anything breakable was broken.

Several small fires scorched large areas of the walls and ceiling and a large blaze in an office burnt with such ferocity that a toughened polycarbon-

Early yesterday officers equipped with protective clothing including helmets, shields and flame-proof overalls moved first into C wing. It took them more than two hours to dismantle the barricades and then they found that most of the immates had retreated into the habitable cells. By 3.30am they had all surrendered without a fight. A

similar operation in B wing was completed by 6.30am. Almost three years ago Full Sutton was severely criticised

Heseltine incurs Whitehall

Prisons, who said it was in "total anarchy" and "inmates held the upper hand". Since then a tightening of security inside prisons has returned control to the staff.

The jail narrowly averted trouble 14 months ago when a Home Office incentive scheme was introduced. It rewarded prisoners with privileges in return for good behaviour, but many resented having to earn rights such as access to pay phones, which had been freely available,

Heritage Lottery Fund will support their bid to become the new owners of their remote, Hebridean home. Lottery trustees met in London yesterday to consider plans for a community buy-out Sculptor chosen

Rachel Whiteread, the sculptar best known for House, her cast of an east London terraced house, is to represent Britain at the 47th Venice International Biennale of Art this summer. Her current commissions include a Holocaust memorial for Vienna.

## Grave disturbed

A brick vault in a churchyard at Bircle, Greater Manchester, has been broken open and the head of a woman left on the footpath. It was reinterred by an undertaker and prayers were said for the deceased and her family, who have been

## Gillick libel win

Victoria Gillick won fivefigure libel damages at the High Court over a suggestion that she was morally responsible for two girls' suicides through her campaign on under-age sex. The BBC and journalist Susan Pearce said the claim was unintentional.

## Boxing gym KO

A boxing gym over a pub. Ray Leonard, Henry Cooper. Jack Dempsey and Rocky Marciano trained, has shut Phoenix linns closed it after finding a buyer for the Thomas a Becket in the Old Kent Road, southeast London.

## Goon man dies

Dennis Main Wilson, the radio and television comedy producer behind classics such as The Goon Show, Hancock's Half Hour. The Marty Feldman Show and Till Death Us Do Part, died from cancer in Guildford yesterday. aged 72 Obituary, page 19

## Assault claim

A 25-year-old British soldier serving with the UN is press ing charges of homosexual assault against a Cypriot barman in the coastal resort of Ayia Nana. A man aged 32 was detained for questioning after a fight broke out and the soldier was taken to hospital.

## Light relief

A power cut failed to stop St Edmund's Players' production of Treasure Island at Weymouth. Dorset. At the suggestion of a member of the amateur cast, the show was held up for half an hour while everyone, including the audience, went home for a torch.

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Prison officers in riot gear entering a damaged area. A

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# **Penny Lane** memorabilia for sale

A HAIRDRESSER'S shop in Penny Lane, Liverpool, the street featured in the 1966 Beatles song, is expected to fetch E200.000 at a sale of Beatles memorabilia in Japan. The hand-written lyrics for the Lennon and McCartney song are also estimated to fetch between £30,000 and £50,000.

The birthplace of the group's drummer, Ringo Starr, at 9 Madryn Street, is expected to fetch from £5,000 to £10,000. The sale at Tokyo Auction House on March 22 will be relayed by satellite to Bonhams in London and to cable and satellite subscribers of the new Auction Channel.

Other items include the custom-made left-handed bass guitar, estimated at up to £150,000, that Sir Paul played during most of his Beatles' career. His original birth certificate, which he recently cited as an example of the "ridiculous" market in Beatles items, is expected to go for about £9.000.

## wrath over league table By VALERIE ELLIOTT, WHITEHALL EDITOR MICHAEL HESELTINE is seeking talks with other Cabi-

net ministers to resolve a Whitehall dispute over his plans to publish a league table of the most poorly performing government agencies.
While officials had been

happy to go along with league tables for schools and hospitals, they have denounced the Deputy Prime Minister's plan as "unfair and outrageous". The branches of government hived off under their own management, known as Next Steps agencies, set their own targets and measure their own performance. Mr Heseltine wants a table showing their performance to be included in next month's annual review of

Senior officials have tried to win over their departmental ministers against the Cabinet Office plan; one said yesterday that it amounted to "untre" and that the Cabinet Of- House, under the Department fice did not fully understand the agencies' business. "How can you measure the performance of the Coastguard Agency, for example, with the paying of benefits? They are not comparable." Mr Heseltine has decided to

deal with ministers directly and is expected to meet lan Lang, the President of the Board of Trade, Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, Peter Lilley, the Social Sec-urity Minister, and Michael Forsyth, the Scottish Secretary. He is determined that the Cabinet Office should enforce standards and that agencies should be honest, open and accountable. His plans are also seen as an attempt to motivate agencies to improve their performance.

The agencies that have failed to meet their own performance targets include the Patent Office and Companies

which hold Chartermark awards for service to the public. Under the Home Office, the Prison Service is still not meeting all its targets, although officials believe it is markedly improving.

Mr Lilley is expected to be questioned about the contin-

of Trade and Industry, both of

uing failure of the Child Support Agency to meet its targets, despite the improvements made by Ann Chant, its chief executive. In some cases there may be genuine reasons for an agency not meeting its targets. M

Heseltine's view is that the public should know why. Sir Peter Kemp, the former senior civil servant who devised the Next Steps concept, said last night "I am rather on Heseltine's side on this one. But if a league table is envisaged it should include

the top as well as the bottom."

# Spring blooms banish winter blues

By Alan Toogood

THE colour and spring-like vigour of the Royal Horricultural Society's first flower show of the year banishes memories of the recent big freeze.

The highlight, and a gold medal winner, is the display of bold drifts of hellebores and miniature hardy cyclamen among yellow and red-flowered wych-hazels and Cornus mas, by Ashwood Nurseries of Kingswinford, West Midlands.

Among the heliebores are doubleflowered forms of Ashwood Garden Hybrids in shades of pink, purple and

garden hybrid not yet named with peach-coloured flowers. Rarities include Helleborus vesicarius from Turkey with bell-shaped chocolate and green flowers. and the superb pale pink H. thibetanus, first showing for this Chinese species.

Cyclamen coum are being shown by several exhibitors, including the Cyclamen Society of Ewell, Surrey, offering Pewter Leaf, which is different from most forms as it has plain grey-green leaves rather than patterned foliage.

Southcombe Gardens, of Kenton, Devon, show what can be achieved in winter. Among beech trees still holding on to their golden-brown leaves, dark green hollies and willows with coloured bark. are clumps of grassy evergreen

pogon planiscupus Nigrescens, gold Luzuia sylvatica Hohe Taira, and variceated Carex hachijoensis Evergold and Acorus gramineus Ogon. On the theme of winter colour, a collection of almost 20 kinds of shrubby cornus has been staged by the society's Floral B committee. The highlight among exhibits of trops

perennials such as black-leaved Ophio-

cal plants is a collection of lycaste orchids from Henry Oakeley of Beckenham, southeast London. He is showing his own Lycaste Mary, a complex hybrid that comes in various colours including bronze, pale yellow and dusky pink. The show, at the New Horticultural

Hall, Greycoat Street, Westminster, is open today from 10am to 5pm.

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# Bragg condemns anti-hunt stand as hypocritical

THE novelist and television presenter Melvyn Bragg has. dismissed Labour's pledge to ban hunting as "sloppy think-ing" by people with no under-standing of the countryside.

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Mr. Bragg. a prominent Labour supporter, says there is no evidence that foxes suffer pain in the same way as people do and condemns opposition to country sports as profoundly hypocritical

His comments, made dur-ing an interview with The Field country sports magazine, provoked anger from the Labour Party. He was accused of being "intellectually disrep-utable" by John McFall, the MP whose Private Member's Bill against hunting was approved by 253 votes to 0 in the Commons in 1995 before being blocked,

But Mr Bragg, who does not hunt, shoot or fish himself; said: "If any one can prove me wrong, I am willing to listen. But to argue that animals feel like us and should be treated in the same way as us is just sloppy thinking."

In his interview Mr Bragg suggests that foxes feel excited rather than afraid when being hunted and that to suppose otherwise is merely sentimental. "There is no evidence that . animals have consciousness or memory," he says. "There is evidence that they have pain, but none that they have suffering, so a fox on the run is not. suffering or in pain, it is in

"I do not even think animals have pain as we have pain. I think the whole opposition to

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Bragg: says hunted foxes do not suffer

il you believe that what we are giving is pain, then you must apply it to fish, fowl or red herring, to every animal that

Mr Bragg adds: "if I had one real proof that an animal is a sentient being, then I would go along with the antihunting argument|, but there is not one.

Mr McFall said: "If he is saying that animals do not suffer, that is intellectually disreputable. If a hunted fox is in a state of excitement, then it is the excitement of an old lady being chased down the street by a gang of thugs.

John Bryant, of the League Against Cruel Sports, said: "It is demonstrably crass and stupid to say animals do not suffer. Any vet or pet owner knows animals feel pain and terror. The fox would not run away if it was not afraid." country sports is profoundly John Webster, head of the hypocritical, in the sense that veterinary school at Bristol John Webster, head of the

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BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

managers happily colluded in Mrs Gorman claiming a tri-

ing their colours to support scared," she said. "I had 58

University, said he was in no doubt that a fox could feel fear, albeit of a different kind from that experienced by people.

"The evidence is over-whelming that animals can feel pain and suffering", he said. "That does not necessarily mean that hunting should banned, because a lot of things in life are cruel, but it is a factor in the equation.

Labour has promised that if it wins the general election it will allow MPs a free vote on whether hunting with hounds should be banned. Legislation would follow a yes vote.

Mr Bragg told The Field

that he respected the passion and commitment of the antihunting lobby. "It is a wonderful cause, and I do not want to run down the people who support it, who are often people whom one admires. whom one has time for, but I think they are mistaken."

Mr Bragg, who was brought up in Cumbria where sheep farmers depend on fell packs to keep foxes down, goes on: "They are not country people. They do not understand about culling. They do not understand the damage a fox can do to a hen coop."

In a logical world, he suggests, people would be campaigning to protect rats rather than foxes. The decision that foxes were cute while rats were vermin reflected an anthropomorphic view of wildlife.

"As we all know from Darwin, physiologically, the three most complicated species on earth are rats, bats and antelones. Rats are far more complicated and interesting



if she did so, claiming that her efforts were inspired by them. However, Sir Edward Heath, who as Prime Minister took Britain into the Common Market, said afterwards: This was entirely pointless. One thing that has come out of it is that Mrs Gorman and her friends want to come out of Europe altogether, and the



of running scared



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# Rock star to sing Labour's praises on political stage

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

A GAELIC rock singer chosen yesterday to contest a Highland seat for Labour says that he does not expect his celebrity status to make

him a hit with the voters. Donnie Munro, 43-yearold lead singer with Runrig. was confirmed as candidate for Ross, Skye and Inverness West with unanimous backing of local party members. At the general election he will fight the sitting Liberal Democrat MP, Charles Kennedy. who is defending a notional majority of 6,505 in the redrawn constituency.

Runnig have a huge following in Scotland, where record sales have been high enough to propel the band into the British charts. At hogmanay they played to a crowd of Gilles in the Western Isles. 400,000 in Edinburgh. Mr The Tories have chosen the

Munro, a former rector of Edinburgh University, was born and brought up in Skye and has used the band's popularity to campaign for the abolition of tolls on the Skye Bridge.

However, launching his political career in Dingwall yesterday, he said: "I am not standing here as a celebrity because I am not keen on that type of thing. It would be dishonest of me to say that this won't be useful, but it could also be argued that it could have a detrimental effect because some people will say that I am just a face."

He is not the only famous name who will be seeking political success in Scotland this spring. The Scottish National Party is fielding the Gaelic singer and television entertainer Anne Lorne Gilles in the Western Isles.

Bruce, a direct descendant of Robert the Bruce, for North East Fife, and David Campbell-Bannerman, a great-nephew of the Liberal Prime Minister Sir Henry Camp-bell-Bannerman, for Glasgow Rutherglen. According to Professor Bill

Miller of Glasgow University's politics department, having a well-known name is unlikely to enhance their prospects. "Donnie Munro may hope to pick up a few hundred votes because of his fame but I doubt it would be as many as a thousand. British voters vote along party lines. They look beyond the personality. Even the policies of individual candidates do not have much effect on the voting habits at a general election. Having said that if a person is popular it is unlikely to them any harm."

# **Tories seem to** be still fighting the last election

ichael Heseltine sometimes behaves as if Torre as if Tony Benn as he was when Labour last formed a government 23 years ago. Mr Heseltine's outburst over yesterday's Institute for Public Policy Research report. Promoting Prosperity: A Business Agenda for Britain, was reminiscent of his antics in those long lost days when he once picked up the Commons mace. But it was rather an Archie Rice performance. The world, and the Labour Party. has moved on since Mr Benn sought to implement the party's February 1974 pledge to set up a National Enterprise Board, establish planning agreements with private companies and take over "profitable sections or individual firms" in some industries. particularly "irresponsible multinational companies". And that was after Harold Wilson had earlier succeeded in defeating a left-wing call for the state takeover of the 25

leading companies. Tony Blair's speech at yes-terday's IPPR conference on the report showed how far Labour has moved to be friendly to business. Gone is any hint of 1970s-style interventionism. Instead, the emphasis is on how government can help industry, encourage investment and improve infrastructure and skills.

Yesterday's IPPR report reflects that shift in thinking, a sober, rather mainstream discussion of how to improve Britain's industrial perfor-mance. Of course, the IPPR is a centre-left body with close Labour links, but for Mr Heseltine to attack the commission which produced the report on the same grounds risks alienating rather than winning over uncommitted businessmen. It is ridiculous to imply that several members of the commission, such as Sir Chistopher Harding of Legal and General and George Simpson of GEC, are Labour

stooges. They have been far closer to the Tories. Of course, many in industry will disagree with the report's support for the minimum wage and, reluctantly, signing the social chapter. Adair Turner of the CBI yesterday expressed reservations on these points while welcoming

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the report as "a major contribution to our national policy discussion. Many industrialists are also worried that a Blair government would add to industry's costs by regulations and statutory requirements of various kinds. These are legitimate points for the Tories to make, but they are different in kind and degree from the far more fundamen-

tal arguments of 20 years ago. The Government has a strong record on promoting enterprise and inward investment. But Mr Heseltine's over-the-top response was not only politically misjudged but underlines how hard the Tories are finding it to grapple with the adroit repositioning of Labour by Mr Blair and Gordon Brown. The Tories seem to be relighting the last election. Their claims about E30 billion in Labour spending commitments are wild exag gerations. There are certainly several spending loose ends in Labour policies which would undoubtedly complicate Mr Brown's life as Chancellor but they are on nothing like that scale. The more sensible Tory approach is that adopted by enneth Clarke on Monday, and John Major yesterday, in questioning whether Labour would be able to hold down spending in face of all the pressures to expand budgets.

R ecent Tory attacks have missed the target by lacking credibility. The public may be worried about whether a Labour government would be able to avoid tax increases but it does not believe that Mr Blair and Mr Brown are going to launch a public-spending spree or be hostile to business. Similarly, most businessmen, including some members of the IPPR commission, will probably not change the habits of a lifetime and vote Labour. But they no longer fear a Labour government as threatening their futures and livelihoods as they did in 1974. That in itself is a major achievement for Mr Blair, which Mr Heseltine and Tory propagandists have not

PETER RIDDELL

# Poll puts Hamilton hearing in doubt

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE former Trade Minister Neil Hamilton is likely to escape a public interrogation over the cash-for-questions affair because senior Tory MPs want to avoid a damaging confrontation before the general election.

MPs on the Commons disciplinary committee are preparing to abandon plans to hold a series of hearings into accusations against Mr Hamilton. A detailed report into claims that he accepted gifts is being prepared for MPs by Sir Gordon Downey, the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards. However, delays in drafting the report have created a dilemma for MPs on the Standards and Privileges Committee, who say they are running out of time to hold further hearings on the affair.

Sir Gordon's report, originally expected early this month, is unlikely to reach the committee until the end of next month. The MPs will then have to decide whether to accept it in full or carry out further investigations. Sir Gordon is now taking written and oral evidence over claims that Mr Hamilton accepted gifts, and that the lobbyist lan Greer paid other MPs to ask

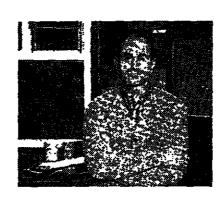
questions in the Commons. Because the Commons will

be dissolved almost a month before the election date, MPs on the committee concede that there is little chance of holding a series of public hearings even if the election is on May 1. We must hope that Sit Gordon's report is so detailed and well-prepared that there will be no need for us to carry out any more inquiries," one committee member said. "If we have to call Hamilton, it will only lead to other witnesses having to be called and there simply won't be time."

IN PARLIAMENT

TODAY in the Commons: backbench debetes followed this alternoon by trade and industry questions; Finence Bill, committee, backbench relabate on family mediadon in Scotland. In the Lords: debates on the according water of the City of London's international work; that said action; government relations with Cube.

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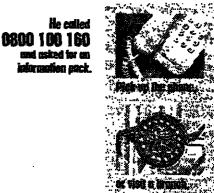
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# Clinton must balance quest for racial harmony with liberalism

IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT CLINTON made the plea for social harmony the central theme of his inaugural speech on Monday, when he dubbed racial hatred "America's constant curse". Yet his speech, which coincided with the public holiday commemo-rating Martin Luther King, lacked the credibility of Dr King's dream of a colour-blind society.

words or delivery. Mr Clinton has

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self-consciousness. In the 34 years since Dr King declared "I have a dream", the United States has made huge efforts to weld together its diverse population. Yet that project has lost the optimism that accompanied it three decades ago. Worse, the increasing attempts to force warring citizens to live with each other through legislation or The flaw was not in the choice of social pressure are left by many to threaten the liberal principles also the gift of heing able to invoke big at the heart of American ideology.

against a backdrop of headline-grabbing events that have been seen across the country as particularly resonant of racial conflict. Yesterday, the civil trial on whether O.J. Simpson wrongfully killed his wife finished hearing evidence. Last week, the son of Bill Cosby, the television comedian who is a national hero, was shot dead, allegedly by a white man.

Californian schools are in uproar over the proposal for teaching "Ebonics", a "black" version of English. Meanwhile, Washington DC is pleading with the federal Government to take over manage-

ment of the nation's capital, which is plunging into gang-ridden squaaren't white people's fault?"

Since Mr Clinton ran for the governorship of Arkansas a decade ago, he has put the racism battle at the heart of his political priorities. In that, he represents to many the New South: economically and politically stronger and, its champions say, more racially tolerant. As Nicholas Lemann argued in The Washington Post this week: "Who else could win over whites while telling them that racial discrimination has not ended? Or win over blacks while telling them that all

Mr Clinton's inaugural speech did not exaggerate the ambition of the enterprise. No other nation is attempting a comparable social experiment, let alone putting its success at the heart of the national identity. Yet America's attempt to glue together its diverse elements is conflicting with many of the individual freedoms also central to its national identity. The strain surfaced in the presidential election with California's successfully passed proposition to outlaw affirmative action, the practice of giving

and public programmes.

More widely, political correctness is a much satirised vogue, but has clearly damaging effects. In trying to give each citizen the right not to be offended, it undermines American liberalism. Richard Bernstein, a New York Times journalist, assembled a powerful indictment of the "PC" culture and the teaching of "multiculturalism" in schools in his 1995 book Dictatorship of virtue. As he and others have observed, multiculturalism favours people on the basis of their race and sex, and so betrays Dr

King's dream of 'a day when my children will not be judged by the colour of their skin but by the content of their character".

Mr Clinton was right to argue on Monday that America cannot afford to fail in its bid for social harmony. However, it is clear that there is a price for success - the loss of considerable freedom of expression - which many citizens are not willing to pay. Describing a way to reconcile those two principles may have been beyond the scope of Monday's speech, but it is perhaps the most important task

# Gore stakes his claim to inherit presidency

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

WHEN Al Gore skipped on to the stage of the Washington Ball in the early hours of yesterday morning, America s Vice-President was unable to contain his excitement as thousands of Democrats chanted 'Gore in 2000".

The ball, one of 14 "dances" with which the \$14 million (£26.5 million) inauguration of President Clinton concluded as the sun rose yesterday, was little more than a political rock concert. It was, however, one of the few occasions during this pageant when Mr Gore was not basking in the reflected glory of the President. Generally robotic, he became unusually animated as he punched the air in a victory salute and danced with his wife. Tipper, and Marion Bar-

ry, the Mayor of Washington. An audience, which became visibly less enthusiastic at the entrance of Mr Clinton only half an hour later, was in rapture as the Gores rocked to the sounds of Meat Loaf. The ageing and slab-like American rock star who had just per-formed But Out of Hell, rushed to greet the Vice-President When Bill and Hillary Clinton emerged to clasp

the microphone. Meat Loaf retired gracefully and did not even clap as the President

began his regular patter. Enthusiasm for Mr Gore had been matched at every event, from the parade of military and high school bands and floats to the swearing-in at the Capitol.

There, on the steps of Congress, the Vice-President had in fact briefly tasted the ultimate power. The President's own swearing-in was running late and, for five minutes and forty seconds, Mr Gore assumed the mantle of leader of the Western world.
In Washington, of course,

the moment was seen as a sign that he would succeed Mr Clinton in the Oval Office in four years' time. Almost no other President in American history has given such a ringing and early endorsement to a chosen successor. While Mr Gore was left with a worthy but low-profile portfolio for much of the first Clinton Administration, the President has swiftly carved out a significant role for his deputy in the coming months.

Early next month he will play host to Viktor Cherno-



President Clinton dances with his wife, Hillary, at one of 15 dances held to mark the start of his second term

myrdin, the Russian Prime Minister, and will visit South Africa later in the month as part of a bilateral commission. When he returns, Mr Gore will address the annual convention in Los Angeles of America's largest union, and a constituency vital for his Democratic nomination in 2000.

The two men, whom the White House claims have developed fraternal relationship, appear to be practically joined at the hip. The fortunes of Mr Clinton are seen as a barometer for Mr Gore's own ambitions, and with Mr Clinton enjoying his highest poll popularity. the "feelgood" factor

Mr Gore has remained largely untarnished by the myriad scandals that surround the President. There is still a genuine fear that the next four years could be dominated, not by policy, but by investigations into Whitewater, campaign fund-raising and the sexual harassment lawsuit filed against the President by Paula Jones, a former Arkansas employee.

"If that happens," said a White House aide, "I wouldn't be surprised if Gore starts being less loyal than he has been up to now.

# Truth stretched as history is made in the USA

By NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

INAUGURAL addresses are not designed to be pored over by pedants, but in his brisk review of technological achievements in the United States President Clinton's certainly stretched the rules close

to breaking point. He claimed that Americans split the atom and explored the heavens; invented the computer and the microchip". Half of these claims are certainly true. Americans or at least citizens of the United States — did explore the heavens, and the first microchips were produced in California by Intel.

But the atom was first split in Cambridge in 1919 by Ernest Rutherford, a New Zealander by birth. He bornbarded nitrogen with alpha particles, producing hydro-

gen and oxygen.
Perhaps Mr Clinton meant. nuclear fission rather than transmutation? In that case, the credit properly goes to two Germans, Otto Hahn and Fritz Strassman, and Austrian Lise Meitner, who discovered in 1938 and 1939 that uranium nuclei can be split by neutron bombardment

It was Meitner's nephew, the Austrian-born Otto Frisch, who coined the term fission and worked out the mass of uranium needed for a bomb - while he was working at Birmingham University. True, the first controlled splitting of the atom was in

the United States; but the man

Enrico Fermi. The bomb itself owed plenty to emigré Europeans working in the United States, although it is often wrongly treated as a purely

American achievement The computer has an equally tangled history. An Englishman, Charles Babbage, had the idea first in the 19th century, though his machines were mechanical and never completed. During the 1930s Alan Turing, also English, established the theoretical possibility of a "universal

computing machine". The first computers were built in Germany, the United States and Britain. While the American device, ENIAC, was bigger and more power ful than the others, it could not store its own programs. The first computer able to do

that was built in Manchester. President Clinton is not the first to bend technological history to his own advantage. The Soviet Union under Stalin hardly ever acknowledged any inventors but its own, and Baroness Thatcher, when she was Prime Minister, was convinced that genetic engineering had been invented in

Britain. Nobody had the nerve to tell her that she was confusing recombinant DNA technology with another important technique which was indeed invented in Cambridge - by an Argentinian and German.

edits the normally merciless Globe tabloid, confirmed that

he had received an approach

from Miss Jackson and Mr

Medina on the day before Mr

Cosby's son died. Events had

since changed matters consid-

erably, and the newspaper is

helping federal investigators with their inquiries. After his

son was killed. Mr Cosby pleaded with newspapers to

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# Gingrich humbled by ruling on misuse of charity funds

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

THE House of Representatives last night took the unprecedented step of reprim-anding Newt Gingrich, the Speaker, and demanded that he pay a \$300,000 (£180,000) penalty for admitted ethics

violations. The vote makes Mr Ging-



rich the first House leader in American history to have been disciplined by his peers and leaves him severely weakened as a political power on Capitol Hill. Only two weeks ago he became the first Republican re-elected to the Speaker's chair in 68 years.

'No one is above the rules," said Nancy Johnson, the Republican chairman of the committee which has investigated the Gingrich affair for two years,

The reprimand and penalty came after a highly damning report was issued last week by James Cole, the independent counsel. Mr Cole was investigating whether the Speaker had misused charitable donations for political purposes, According to the report. Mr Gingrich was said to have shown a "disregard and lack of respect" for the standards of conduct expected of his office. A deal was swiftly struck with lawyers from both sides and the Speaker, hoping to minimise political damage to himself, had already agreed to pay the sum and accept the reprimand in advance of last night's vote.

Controversy has been maintained, however, over how Mr. Gingrich plans to pay the fine. His lawyer has said that Mr Gingrich will not make a decision on payment for at least a week, sparking immediate criticism from House Democrats who are demanding that the Speaker reimburse the committee from his own pocket.

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# Woman arrested over Cosby 'daughter' blackmail sting

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

A YOUNG woman has been arrested in New York on suspicion of blackmailing Bill Coshy, the entertainer whose son, Ennis, was killed last week.

Autumn Jackson, 22, allegedly contacted Mr Cosby's lawyers and claimed to be his illegitimate daughter. She is accused of seeking \$40 million (E24 million) to keep quiet. Miss Jackson, accompanied

by Jose Medina, 51, was arrested by the FBI when she arrived at the Manhattan offices of lawyers representing Mr Cosby, 54. It is alleged that she was lured there by a bogus offer of \$24 million.

The offer was part of a police "sting" which predated the death of Ennis Cosby. Miss Jackson has reportedly known Mr Cosby for several years and received financial assistance from him towards. her educational costs. In court papers Mr Cosby stated that he helped "numerous young people in need of tuition assistance". He denies the

woman is his daughter. Late last year Miss Jackson allegedly contacted Mr Cosby and was paid \$3,000 after she complained that she was "out. of money". She allegedly later claimed to have contacted a tabloid newspaper with a view to selling a story about her relationship with the popular television actor. On the day that his son was killed, a fax about the tabloid newspaper development was sent to Mr.

Cosby by Miss Jackson.

Tony Frost, a Briton who

drop the story and pour their efforts into finding the killer. ☐:Los Angeles: Police investigating the murder of Ennis Cosby have questioned two "potential witnesses" seen in a supermarket car park south of Los Angeles (Giles Whittell writes). One appears to match a sketch released last week of a man seen leaving the murder scene.



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# Joint drive to lure Holy Land tourists after Hebron deal

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

ISRAEL, Jordan and the Palestinian Authority are working together for the first time to capitalise on last week's Hebron agreement to boost tourism to the Holy Land.

Nitsan Ilan, an Israeli official, said that tomorrow leading US newspapers would carry a new advertisment urging Americans to visit the Holy Land under the slogan: "Peace — It's a Beautiful Sight." She claimed it was the first such joint initiative.

After Israel made peace with the Palestine Liberation Organisation in 1993 and with Jordan a year later, it was expected that increased tourism would be a "peace divi-dend" for all parties. But hopes were dashed by suicide bombs last spring, which claimed more than 60 lives in Israel, and subsequent fighting between Israeli troops and Palestinian police in which 75 people died.

The joint policy document, signed by the three ministries of tourism, follows last week's pullout of Israeli troops from 80 per cent of Hebron, the West Bank city holy to Jews and Muslims

Today Israelis, Jordanians and Palestinians open their arms and their hearts to extend a warm invitation to the American people to visit these lands, which have given birth to so much faith and so

much history," says the message to American tourists. whose visits fell 6 per cent last year compared to 1995.

In addition, the Israeli Tourism Ministry requested its offices overseas to initiate image-building activities as a continuation of the positive media wave which evolved towards Israel with the sign-

**6** Many people planning a visit are waiting to see how things develop on the ground 🤊

ing of the redeployment

Tourism officials believe that the Hebron deal will usher in a period of reduced political tensions, but say it is too early to tell how this will affect bookings. "It appears that many people who are planning on coming to Israel are waiting to see how things develop on the ground," one ડ્યાંતં.

According to the Israel Hotel Association, total tourist arrivals, including cruise ship passengers, dropped 8 per cent

to 2.3 million in 1996 compared to the previous year. Arrivals from Britain fell by 5 per cent to 216,000 after a first-quarter increase of 5 per cent. "Tourists are looking for peace, quiet and stability," said Avi Rosenthal, director of the association. "We feel the Hebron agreement will ... be a boost for tourism.

Hotel industry officials hope to inster regional tour packages that include Egypt, Jordan, and perhaps eventually Syria and Lebanon if peace deals can be achieved with them as well. Two big tourist events are approaching: the celebrations of the 50th anniversary of the foundation of the Jewish state. In a separate development.

Ariel Sharon, Israel's National Infrastructure Minister and architect of the 1982 military push into Lebanon. has announced he is masterminding a multibillion-dollar scheme to build a string of islands off Israel's Mediterranean coast for business and

Private Israeli and international finance will be used for the project, in which each of the islands is estimated to cost \$1 billion (£602 million). They will be linked to the mainland



People on a heach watch as bush fires, which killed one person, moved closer yesterday to Melhourne. The fires destroyed up to 30 homes, devastated forest land and led to the closure of the retractable roof at the Australian Open tournament. Tennis, page 46

## WORLD IN BRIDE

# **Greek Cypriots** snub peace plan

Nicosia: American efforts to defuse tension in Cyprus were snubbed yesterday when the Greek Cypriots rejected a proposal to ban Greek and Turkish warplanes from flying over the divided island, because to do so they would have to make

an agreement with Turkey (Michael Theodoulou writes).

As a result, European diplomats expressed concern that Washington may now decide to defer indefinitely an initiative to help to reunite the island. The setback came amid further sabre-rattling by Turkey, which announced it was sending warships to northern Cyprus on Friday in a show of solidurity with the Turkish Cypriots over Greek Cypriot plans to buy Russian anti-aircraft missiles.

## Death for troops who fled

Kisangani, Zaire: A military court sentenced 14 Zairean soldiers to death for cowardice for fleeing from a rebel offensive east of the rebel-held town of Goma. The army is undergoing a shake-up after humiliating defeats in the eastern provinces of North and South Kivu. About 20 senior officers have been jailed for a series of violem crimes. (AFP)

## Shark kills German tourist

Perti: A shark has apparently killed a German tourist who was windsurfing off Geraldton. Western Australia, 200 miles north of here, police said. The man, 41, had last been seen struggling in a heavy swell and 31-knot wind off Point Moore. His wet suit was found shredded by shark teeth nearly three miles from the shore. (AFP)

## Quakes hit China province

Peking: Two earthquakes struck China's northwest Xinjiang province within a minute, killing at least 12 people (James Pringle writes). Houses collapsed after the quakes, measuring 6.4 and 6.3 on the Richter scale. The epicentre was 40 miles east of the busy Old Silk Road city of Kashgar in Jiashi county, where rescuers were still searching amid debris.

## Journalists face arrest

Sydney: A British and an Australian journalist who entered Bougainville illegally were threatened with arrest by Sir Julius Chan, Papua New Guinea's Prime Minister (Roger Maynard writes). They were said to have attended a meeting between a parliamentary delegation and the Bougainville Revolutionary Army, which demands secession.

## Oil spill threatens last ibis

The plight of Kin. right. Japan's last crested ibis, is tormenting the nation as its habitat on Sado Island is the latest victim from a Russian oil spill on January 2. The Government admitted vesterday it had been too slow to react to the crisis after the Nakhodoka broke in two. Three volunteers cleaning up the spill in seven prefectures have died of heart attacks. (AFP)



# Nike mania of Japanese sneaker-snatchers turns to violence

FROM ROBERT WHYM NAT IN TOKYO

JAPAN'S sneaker-snatchers struck again yesterday when a 21-year-old man was attacked by a gang of youths and robbed of his valuable training shoes.

The victim made the mistake of strolling at night in Air Max running shoes, made by Nike, a brand so coveted in Japan that some owners keep them locked away and take

them out only to admire them. The shoes, with their distinctive air cushions and transparent plastic bubbles in the heels, owe their popularity to a marketing campaign that tapped into a growing interest in

black sports stars and musicians. Television commercials featuring Michael Jordan, the American basketball star, were highly effective in whetting appetites. When customers - mostly in their teens or early twenties - had to queue for hours

because of limited availability, desire for Air Max turned into a

With demand outstripping supply. some shops can charge 30,000 yen (£150) for models that normally sell for half that. Trend-crazy youths pay as much as 100,000 yen for soughtafter designs. When Nike puts out a new style, old designs quickly become valuable collectors items. Young people gripped by the mania can be ruthless in pursuit of second-

hand sports shoes, however smelly. The obsession, deplored by the American manufacturer which worries about a backlash, has triggered a minor crime wave. Since last autumn police have

recorded a rash of robberies targeting people wearing the most desirable types of Air Max. The crimes are deeply disturbing in a nation that prides itself on a low crime rate and where the incidence of muggings is well below that of other major industrialised countries. Observers attribute the crimes to the compulsion of young people to keep up with their peers, combined with an oft-noted lack of individuality. Yesterday's attack in Sakai, near

the western city of Osaka, may have been the most violent of its kind. according to police. Five teenagers armed with steel pipes beat Naoki Takahashi took off his Air Max shoes and fled with their prize and 2,000 yen in cash.

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# Louvre 'failed to seek owners of art looted from Jews'

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

FRANCE'S state auditors have accused national museum officials of failing in their legal duty to seek the rightful owners of almost 2,000 artworks stolen from Jews dur-ing the Second World War.

The Cour des Comptes, France's hard-hitting public spending watchdog, alleged that for half a century the state-run Musées de France made little or no effort to publicise paintings and sculptures in its collections that had been seized during the Nazi occupation, according to Le

The Louvre holds 1.878 artworks originally belonging to Jews and seized by the Nazis, including works by Renoir, Rodin, Courbet, Monet and Gauguin. The smaller Musée d'Orsay has 85 such pillaged works.

The treasure trove was handed provisionally to the Musées de France after the liberation. Under a law passed in December 1949, the museums are required to publicise their guardianship of the works, try to find out who owned them and arrange for them to be reclaimed.

"In the circumstances, it would be impossible not to report that the State, and in

particular the management of the Musées de France, will have failed in its obligation to publicise the works," the auditors said in a letter to museum authorities.

"The State can never become owner of these artworks," it concluded, with the implication that France's museum authorities hoped that, if they did little, the question of ownership would lapse and the works would, in

effect, become state property. François Cachin, director of Musées de France, denied the accusations, saying that the two museums did not lay claim to the art and should be considered "simply a place where the works are deposited". M Cachin pointed out that an inventory of the stolen art had been displayed recently on the Internet and that the catalogue would soon be pub-

lished as a book. The auditors said, however. that earlier museum administrations should bear the blame for failing to do more to track down the owners of the works. "How could a worrying situation have continued for nearly 50 years without anyone, beginning with the directors of the Musées de France, doing something about it?" the report asked. The auditors pointed out that since 1954 no major effort had been made to publicise the works.

An auditors' report will be published at the end of next month, but the section on art stolen from the Jews, oddly. will be omitted, according to Le Figuro.

The allegations that the

guardians of France's cultural heritage have been insufficiently energetic in their attempts to return looted paintings comes hard on the heels of claims that properties now owned by the city of Paris may also have been seized from Jews deported to death

A book published last October alleged that Paris City Council still owns 150 build-ings in the Marais district. some of which belonged to Jewish families who never reclaimed them after the war. More than 75,000 Jews were deported from France during the war, with the collaboration

of the Vichy regime. David Douvette, the French historian, noted recently that "the looting of Jewish property under Vichy remains, in the France of the 1990s, the ultimate taboo inherited from the

# Sweden 'received far more' Nazi gold

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Stockholm: Newly examined documents show that Sweden received about 38 tonnes of gold from Nazi Germany, far more than previously known. and that the Government turned a blind eye to whether it had been looted. Swedish

media said yesterday.

After the Second World War, Sweden examined gold payments for exports and returned about 13 tonnes, that presumably had been looted, to Belgium and The Netherlands. Documents on the gold were found in Swedish, Swiss and American archives.

\$353 (£212) an ounce, the gold that Sweden reportedly received from the Nazis would be worth nearly \$430 million. Avraham Burg, head of the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem. immediately appealed to Sweden to hand over the new information on Nazi gold in Swedish banks.

At today's prices of about

Mr Burg, whose organis-ation is working to trace Jewish property stolen by Nazis during the Holocaust. sent a letter to Johan Hajard. the Swedish Ambassador. He wrote: "As we cannot rule out the possibility that the gold that reached the National Bank in Sweden was taken from Jewish victims, I would ask that you relay all of the relevant information and documents to us as soon as



A stranded British lorry driver makes a cup of coffee in the port of Piracus yesterday as Greek seamen extended a nine-day strike that has halted transport and threatened Greek islands with shortages of medicine,

Lorries trapped by Greek strike

food and fuel. Seamen. farmers and drivers have clashed at several ports. The strike, in support of de-

mands for better pensions. insurance and tax treatment, has been declared illegal by the Socialist Govcrument. Unions will stage a 24-hour national transport, hospital and public services strike tomorrow. (Reuter)

The Foreign Office said that, since Britain was still answerable to international organisations for its remaining dependencies, it wanted to be able to guarantee good government. Nicholas Bonsor. Minister of State at the Foreign Office, told Parliament last month that the changes had been introduced "in the

Britain insists that the new er control from London.

# Red princesses wait in wings as last waltz fades

FROM CATHERINE FIELD IN HONG KONG

PRINCESS Caroline of Monaco called in briefly. Jeremy Irons stayed a little longer and the seriously rich Malaysian beauty Michelle Yeuh announced she will be the next Bond

The Hong Kong Cancer Fund annual charity ball's 007 theme was tweaked further with the unveiling of a ballroom decorated as an M15 operation room, the arrival of Lois Maxwell of Miss Moneypenny fame - and a well-wishing phone call from the latest James Bond. Pierce Brosnan. Also mingling were famous locals such as Cecil Chao, scion of a rich shipping family; Pansy Ho. daughter of the casino mogul Stanley Ho. whose three-day wedding party is still the talk of the social circle: the jewellery designer Kai-Yin Lo and the Burmese-Chinese beauty Loletta Fok.

the former Miss Hong Kong. The evening - rated five stars in Hong Kong's social calendar marked the unofficial close of the last ball season under British rule and ended in a blaze of thousand-dollar bills and gold Rolls-Royces. "It was absolutely fabulous, it was a riot. I think it was a fitting, sparkly end to series of evolutions - from Victorian

the ball season," said Sally Lo, fund chairwoman.

Her tone was a mixture of nostalgia and concern. Hong Kong society's old guard is bracing for the red princesses. the wives, daughters and mistresses of China's ruling elite.

In this glittering and modern city. men work and women are ornaments. The tai tais are wives of businessmen of fantastic wealth, women who think nothing of spending £850 for a Chanel leather mobile phone carry case or laying out £1,300 for hair bows.

Tai tais, a tradition as old as the colony itself, have gone through a

matrons to European executives' wives to the spouses of Hong Kong Chinese business chiefs. But many fear that "new money" and "mainland tastes" will overwhelm their world.

Jill Triptree, editor of the Hong Kong Tatler, is more sanguine. There's been a gradual progression of the Hong Kong Chinese tai tais being the ones chairing the charity ball committees. The Europeans have very much taken a back seat." she said. adding that there will soon be more wives from the mainland wanting to

# Britain protests to China over Hong Kong curbs

BRITAIN is to summon the Chinese Ambassador to the Foreign Office today to protest about Peking's decision to curb Hong Kong's Bill of Rights when it takes over sovereignty on July I (Michael Binyon writes).

Jeremy Hanley, the Minister of State with responsibility for Hong Kong, is to hand a formal note of protest to Jiang Enzhu. It is the second time that the ambassador has been summoned there in a month,

having received a British protest in December over Pe-king's establishment of a Provisional Legislative Council. The message is intended to underline the criticism voiced by Chris Patten, the Governor of Hong Kong.
Officials said yesterday that

Britain saw no reason to repeal or water down the Bill and there was no justification for the Chinese move. "It sends all the wrong signals to Hong Kong, one official said.

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## give the governors of its few remaining colonies power to overrule locally elected assemblies has drawn sharp criticism from the Caribbean. The chief ministers of two

dependent territories -- Anguilla and Montserrat - have told Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, that the new law is "immoral" because it shows that Britain is not sincere in encouraging its remaining colonies to stand on their own feet. Last month Mr Rifkind

**Colonies** 

fight more

power for

governors

By MICHAEL BINYON

DIPLOMATIC EDITOR BRITAIN'S recent decision to

announced that Britain is to give the governors of live dependent territories in the Caribbean new reserve pow-ers to amend or overturn locally enacted legislation. The Government insisted that this was not linked to recent worries about drug-smuggling or money-laundering in some island dependencies, but was to avoid "excessive contingent liabilities".

hight of recent experience".

This was a clear reference to concern about money-laundering in the Caribbean and the dispute last year between the Governor of the Turks and Caicos Islands and locally elected ministers over accusations that drugs were being freely sold in the islands.

powers are to be used only in emergencies. Officials in some islands were angry, however. at the implied presumption that locally elected staff might be corrupt. Hubert Hughes. the Chief Minister of Montserrat, said Britain had clearly decided that, if countries were unable to become independent, they should accept great-

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# Bonn and Prague heal 50-year rift

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GERMANY and the Czech Republic westerday made an important step nowards ending 50 years of friction over the postwar expulsion of Sude-Helmut Kohl, the German Chan-

cellor, and Vaclav Klaus, the Czech Prime Minister, signed an accord expressing mutual regret. There seems to be now no real hundrance to Germany asserting its role as the champion of Central Europe within an expanded European Union.

The deal, which will ease Prague's progress towards EU membership, remains controversial. As Herr Kohl arrived for his first visit to an independent Czech Republic, demonstrators from the Czech Communist

"ADIEU MORSE." At mid-

night on January 31 the mari-

time listening post on Brit-tany's coast will stop receiving

Morse code messages as

France abandons the signal

system that has saved count-

less lives at sea (Ben

telecommunications com-

pany, has decreed that the

code is dead — two years before the International

Maritime Organisation

(IMO) formally places Sam-

uel Morse's invention on tech-

The language of dots and dashes — "dits" and "dahs" in

English parlance, "tis" and

"tas" in French — represent-ing letters of the alphabet and

still broadcast over the emer-

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radio contact between land

and sea which, in turn, is giv-

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France Telecom, the French

Macintyre writes).

Paris signals end

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Danger, ships in distress tend

to send out a mayday call on

Code defenders say it still has its uses — for ships where

radio operators have strong

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malfunctioning.

Morse ceased to be re-

quired on seagoing ships from 1993, when the IMO

introduced the Global Mari-

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tem. By 1999 it will have been

Samuel Finley Breese

Morse, an American artist

born in 1791, invented his telegraph in 1844 by combin-

ing lengths of wire covering

the 57 miles between Washington and Baltimore. On May 24 of that year he sent his

first coded message using electrical pulses of varied lengths: What God hath

wrought," he tapped out.
The international code was

perfected at an 1851 confer-

The system developed an

elaborate shorthand GAOC.

for example, came to mean Good Afternoon Old Chap".

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Party and the ultra-nationalist Republicans launched loud protests, and Germans were broadly satisfied declaring the accord to be a sell-out. Vera Zezulkova, the Communist Party spokeswoman, said the accord. was no more than a token of German domination over its neighbour. "The text makes a wholly unacceptable equation between Nazi crimes and

the postwar consequences."

In Germany, the leader of the association for expelled Germans. Fritz Neubauer, said: "The open questions have all still to be resolved and this will lead to new conflicts." Above all, the accord did not guarantee the 25 million Sudeten Germans the basic right to a homeland nor give hope for restitution of property confiscated after the war. The parliaments of both countries have to ratify yesterday. As Central and East European states are due to begin entry negotiations with the EU, a deal was regarded as imperative.

It was Vaciav Havel, the Czech President, who, within days of be-coming leader of the former Czecho-slovakia in 1990, first expressed public regret for the expulsion of the Sudeten Germans. He also recognised the importance of Germany in shaping Central Europe.

Germany has been our inspiration as well as our pain, a source of understandable traumas ... as well as of standards to which we turn." he said. "Some regard Germany as our greatest hope, others as our greatest

This careful balance, between the

region and the advantages offered by German commerce, has been steadily shifting in Bonn's favour.

The German roots are deep: high German was the teaching language, along with Latin, at Prague's Charles University when it opened in 1348. German trade in the 1930s helped to modernise Central Europe.

A similar trend is underway as German influence edges out Russia. Officially recorded trade between Poland and Germany is now more than £12 billion. Germany is the biggest single customer for Czech, Hungarian and Polish products. Although Russia has not been abandoned, the orientation of the Central European economy has shifted in six years from East to West - with Germany as the magnet.

political shift are visible: in the neon lights advertising German washingmachines, cars and beer, and in the jobs created by German direct investment. In the Czech Republic and Slovakia there are more than 300 German companies employing about 50,000 workers, In part, the German interest reflects the high labour costs

at home. In the 1930s. German commerce raised the standard of Central European manufacturing. A similar process can be observed today. The result is a kind of pragmatic compact: Germans modernised the East in return for a foothold in a huge rediscovered market. That makes it easier to patch up old quarrels.

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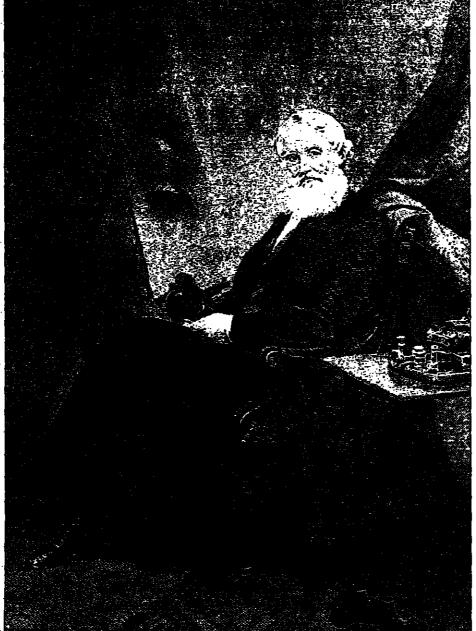
# Warsaw says it can afford to join Nato

POLAND yesterday took issue with pessimistic American analysis and advisers who are urging President Climon to step back from his promise to project Nato into Central Europe in the next two years.

A report by the Warsawbased Euro-Atlantic Association said Polish entry to the alliance need cost only a fraction of the sums calculated by the US Congressional Budget Office and the Rand Corporation.

Drawing on figures from the Defence Ministry and other government offices, Janusz Onyszkiewicz, the report's chief author, said American estimates of \$61 billion (£38 million) for Central European accession were unrealistic. The genuine cost can be accommodated within Poland's budget possibilities," Mr Onyszkiewicz, a former

Defence Minister, said. The direct cost would be just under \$1.5 billion over 15 years with the bulk falling before 2000, the report said. Most of the sum - \$1.26 billion would be used for integrating Poland's command structure into the alliance, making communications compatible, ensuring that Eastern and Western air defence systems could work together and modernising military airfields. Mr Onyszkiewicz indicated that exaggerated figures in Washington were an attempt to slow eastward enlargement.



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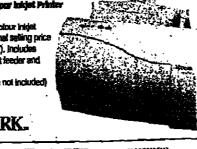
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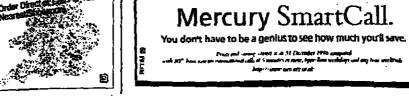
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# Feminists besiege monks

Madrid: Carthusian monks have appealed to the Pope for help after feminist groups wonks permit only men to threatened to force their way into their monastery near Zaragoza in northern Spain

(Tunku Varadarajan writes). The monastery is home to the largest mural in Spain. Painted in 1772 by Goya, who was born only a few miles

away, it depicts the life of the enter their monastery, women have never been able to see Goya's work. Women's groups are campaigning for women to be allowed to see it on the ground that the painting was restored recently with the use of public money.



















# The British in Paris

The staid houses of Givenchy and Dior are appealing to a new kind of customer with the collections from the maverick Brits, says Heath Brown

ritish fashion design is leading the world at the moment, with the two hot names of John Galliano and Alexander McQueen at the forefront. They are making their mark at the Paris haute couture collec-tions this week, where McQueen showed his debut

collection for Givenchy and Galliano his for Dior. Many of the foreign press and buyers were hesitant in their praise of these appointments - worried that such maverick designers would not fit into the staid

world of couture.

Already, after Galliano's previous collection for Givenchy (where he designed briefly last year before moving on to Dior) the purchasers of haute couture were beginning to fall away. There were no customers left after last year." says Hale Rubenstein, buyer for Bloomingdales, of the reaction to McQueen's Givenchy show.

There must be a game plan to bring in new customers," he adds. "It's the only way it will carry on." Indeed, a new customer for haute couture, where the dresses can cost up to £40,000, is desperately needed. Only about 2,000 haute couture customers remain. They are among the richest women in the world and they are mostly over 50.

Katy England, creative di-rector of Givenchy, is keen to emphasise that McQueen's head is not in the clouds. She says: "His next own-label collection will be totally wearable - good, sharp suits perfect for older woman but in McQueen's signature sithouette."

A new appeal for a different kind of customer is what LVMH (Louis Vuitton Moët Hennessy), the owners of both Dior and Givenchy, had in mind when they appointed such avant-garde designers as Galliano and McQueen. It is not the first time that a controversial appointment has been made in the hope of revitalising an haute couture house. In 1960, when Yves Saint Laurent took over the reins of Dior, there was press acclaim, but also the fear that traditional customers would leave in droves. In fact, he produced a ground-breaking collection, showing leather eans, polo-neck sweaters and duffel coars in rich, new fabrics inspired by the street style of the students of the Rive Gauche. In the context of haute couture at the time, the look was utterly shocking. Saint Laurent went on to introduce the women's tuxedo - to the horror of some. But his revolutionary ideas were quick to gain acceptance. To-

day, his designs are firmly

rooted in the fashion establish-

ment, and the looks once the reputation of being a thought of as "wild" are the museum junkie. "Usually, I norm on catwalks everywhere. see these things at the Y&A The jolt Saint Laurent adand the Met, but now I ministered to couture in the actually touch them," he once said when given access to Sixties has an echo in what is happening with McQueen and Galliano now. In years to some of the exhibits. There is thought to be a

come, their designs will not seem as outlandish or bizarre as they do now — just beautiful and well-made.

"Look through the hype and theatrics," says Clinton Silver, chairman of the British Fashjoined at the hip. ion Council, "and you will see fabrics cut and draped professionally and effortlessly ~ pure skill." Both McQueen

> signed last year."
>
> He strives to provide expertly tailored clothes, and appreciates the hard work the appreciates me hard work the orelier has put into his first show. That's why'th was a bit over the top, he says. You don't want boring models with washing girl hardes; looking miserable on the calwalk, when so much has been put into it all."

into it all." He despairs of the com-ments that have been made about the flamboyance of the show. "One year I put an Ethiopian child on a T-shirt, to show a more serious side, and got criticised — and the next I relax into fantasy and get criticism again: I can't win." But the element of fantasy

by both designers can be excused when we think of the unreal world at which their couture collections are aimed. Who knows what these women wear and what kinds of lives they lead." he says:

It is the unique approach of the British designers that sets them apart. Part of their appeal is no doubt to do with the English sense of eccentricity, but a good part of the creditis also due to the excellent training the UK has to offer. Art colleges such as Central

St Martin's (the old St Martin's School of Art), Ravensbourne, and Metropolitan University in Manchester nurture talent and encourage, experimentation and individu-In the past, British college

were criticised for not taking the commercial aspects of the fashion industry into account But now the sometimes outre designers they produce are ironically, the only people capable of renewing the fanta sy of haute couture.



# What the baby books don't say about shopping

Smart shops and small children are a tricky combination

THE DAY my son was due.

I had a premonition that something awful was about to happen. Not to him, but to me. Like a woman in the grip of an alien intelligence, grip of an atten intelligence.

I put on my coat and headed
for Harvey Nichols, where I
bought several fragile lace
bras, a buttery soft kid
jacket and a pair of black
suede thigh boots. As I
groped over my bump in an ttempt to zip up the boots. the goggie-eyed assistant's curiosity finally overcame her icy professional poise. "When's the baby due, exactly?" she asked. "Today," said I, finally to

cating the zip.
"Oooh my
gawd," she
squeaked. horruble Knightsbridge accent all adrift in her dismay. "don't ave it ere,

is your bottom all wobbly?

this was the last carefree shopping I would ever do. The books for novice mothers are so eloqueat on the frightful coas of having a baby — every thing slipping by about six inches — that it can come as

to find yourself much the same shape that you were

infant lo your front in his Rocke. The only thing is what are your going to do with him poor? Thing is more than carept on the floor But What I you

mod on him? What if he got tangled up with the gar-ments and suffocated? Or even — you haven't had him for very long, after all — you might forget all about him and arrive home laden with carrier bags - but no baby. Japanese shop assistant if she'd hold him. But one look at her basilisk gaze and you think better of it. At this point he begins to howl. You slink away, empty-handed.

Several years later, you another go. Your clothes are

frock. Why

bit He sits quietly while you rustle into various delicious confections. Suddenly you panic. He is nowhere to be seen. Rushing out of the dressing toom, you see a small figure carrying a Phil-ip Treacy feathered hat with a jewel-like trim. "Here's a present for you, mummy," he says. The jewel, you realise is a ball-sucked jelly-baby, which he has lovmgly pressed into the glossy

YOU TELL yourself it will get, better with time. It doesn't At five, my son feels ready to share with me his trenchant opinions on fashbaby looks. The bit where ion: That's a horruble you discover the kuth about frock. And why is your shopping with children, bottom all wobbly. From seven onwards. business is so untuterably bloody that you begin to wonder why you do it. Until dreadful it is shopping children, the experi-pales into insignificance beside the Gothic horror of shopping with their father. But

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and Galliano have had a good

McQueen after his debut

ship of clothing. McQueen served an apprenticeship in Savile Row and studied at St Martin's School of Art; Galliano, another St Martin's graduate, also studied fashion. there. But the designers approach their creativity very differently. With Galliano every detail is thought of - from the clothes to the venue," says. François Tessier, the head buyer at Browns. "He creates a fantasy and takes you there through his creations."

His inspiration tends to be historical or anthropological. Nineteenth-century 'Lily Langury" dresses are mixed with Masai beading or French revolutionary references combined with details borrowed from Gypsy and Native American culture.

Galliano's love of drawing inspiration from the V&A and the Metropolitan Museum in New York have earned him

## rivalry between the two stars, but neither admits to it. "Iffice is no rivalry at all," says McQueen. "We just come from totally different planets." which is OK - we're not twins. McQueen's approach is to push back the fashion barriers farther and farther. I'm 27, not 57, so it's all bound to come from a different angle than the collection M Givenchy de-

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# Still waiting for the joy of sex

In Part Three of our series on love in the Nineties, the novelist Mavis Cheek says women are still not satisfied

o, here we are, fin de siècle, a century that has seen two world wars, technological advances that make H. G. Wells look like Enid Blyton, political changes that the Tsar, Emperor or Kaiser would never have believed possible. not to mention the little old matter of Global Extinction - and what still exercises us to the very root of our

being? Sex. Yours, mine, everybody's. The Great Molochian God of Carnal Enterprise wants us all to be At It - as successfully as possible - and if we aren't, then something is seriously wrong. Celibacy no longer seems to exist in our lexicon. Basically the absorbing phenomenon of the 20th century is whether or not he is/she is/you are Getting Laid.

At the turn of the century, after Big Ben chimed the hour to usher in 1901, most of the wives (as they nearly exclusively were) who found them-selves being whisked off to bed to begin the New Dawn with a Damn Good Seeing To, went with no expectations.

They were not required to enjoy it. The pleasure of sex was a right solely reserved for their husbands. And their husbands could take it or leave it. If. they wanted to, they did, and if they didn't want to, they read the paper. Of course, dotted among the majority were a few enlightened spirits, but for those few women who did discover the joy of sex that night, it - or rather they came as a nice surprise.

nd then suddenly, out of the murky mists of this New Dawn, ventured enlightenment. The Blessed Marie Stopes, in many respects barking mad and therefore usefully indifferent to hostility, hove into view, dancing like a daisy on the lawn, flowing with classical drapery and looking just like Pandora reincarnate. Which, of course. she was. Because, having pointed out that women need not have sex solely to procreate, she also made the logical connection which has caused us more confusion, more anxiety, than anything ever since — the revolutionary notion that women, other than the likes of Moll Flanders and Peg of Old Drury, had the right to be pleasured, too. But it took us another few decades to get up enough steam to embrace the idea of

sexual equality. And we still haven't Now you can call me a silly little running-dog of reactionary Post-Modernism if you like, but sex in the Sixties wasn't that revolutionary. The amount of it may have been. In fact, the amount certainly was. But what about the quality? The freedom to do it was as much the turn-on as the It itself. Naturally. Because we were still

learning. Who from that time does not remember the magazine Forum? Our monthly sex manual. "... Take her nipple between thumb and forefinger and roll it around until she begins to move with uncontrollable pleasure . . . " How many of us girls lay there patiently waiting for uncontrollable pleasure to commence while our boy-friends painstakingly followed the instructions? And if it didn't, how many of us suffered a creeping sense of William Brown lays Violet Elizabeth Bon? Well what can you expect if you're

only a girl? And then there was The Joy Of Sex. A moustachioed man looking like the romantic icon Che Guevara and a waman looking like somebody's auntie, together playing a rather dull



Mavis Cheek: "What still exercises us to the very root of our being? Sex. Yours, mine, everybody's."

instructional game of doctors and nurses . . . sold in its thousands.

All gains are losses. Not that I advocate endless pregnancies and no right over our twiddly bits, but where once we women could totter about in our bustles and corsets and not have the worry of whether the earth moved. since Ms Stopes's profound percipi-ence, and the sexual cloudburst of the Sixties, we now totter about in our high heels and Wonderbras flaring our nostrils and trembling inside in case it doesn't. Casual sex? Hah!

And to confound us all even further, the blokes aren't having too easy a time either. The primal urge of the hunter/gatherer with animal tenden-cies and a built-in programme to think about sex every six minutes which has. presumably, taken several thousand years to perfect (and obviously in some cases requires several thousand more). must give way in a mere 30 years to one who will look butch in a pinny, cook, sew, wash, and discuss our PMT on one side of the bedroom door, and then swing from a chandelier emulating a oogo stick and saying Me Tarzan on

Were my 18-year-old daughter, who is about to embark on a university career studying useless old things like literature and art, to listen to a word I say, she would read psychology and become a sex therapist. I could give up novels, and we could both live side by side in mansions in Regent's Park.

this time, when Big Ben chimes the hour of the new century and millennium. there will be a lot of anxious people standing around thinking about the best way to organise the celebratory

The women will be wearing condoms in their hats and wondering if they dare say "How about it" without risking deflation in the pogo stick department because the primal hunter/gatherer hasn't quite understood that he's free of his need to show how bold he is. And quite a lot of the women will secretly sigh for the days when he said "Ugh" and threw you

over his shoulder and that was that. The men will either assert themselves by drinking a lot, thereby ending the question anyway. Or they will put their hearts and souls into looking as if they have no expectations and avoid staring at the hat. Either way, there will be a lot of anxiety floating about The worst bit of all is that everybody else will look as if they have cracked it. You will feel you are the only one on the

And for those of us who thought carnal old Moloch would leave us alone when our teeth started falling out - we must think again. In a recent study on sexuality, it was stated that folk in their sixties and seventies were now having the best sex of their lives.

This seems a very positive, not to say mind-boggling, discovery. Especially since I pictured myself fetching up with a rubber hip joint and a hearing aid. somewhere on the South Coast, and being perfectly poisonous to everybody at last. Instead, the voracious Moloch chomps on. Not to let the side down, I must besport a dainty varicose ankle and give the glad eye to some old geezer on the next bench to mine. And he, poor chap, must woggle his dewlaps, set aside his copy of The Oldie, and offer me a good time.

And Oh Lor, what about proce-dures? In the old days it used to follow that when two people took their glasses off, you knew they meant business now, presumably, the significant moment is when he or she lets the Zimmer frame drop. It puts a whole new courtly meaning on He Fell At My Feet, And. of course, a whole new perspective on Getting Laid.

Mavis Cheek's latest novel, Getting Back Brahms, will be published by Faber on April 21, price £14.99

Women aren't taking men's jobs because they've won the equality battle. It's about cutting costs

omen on Top: Why it's better to be a woman: Sometimes it's hard to be a man; Women win battle of the sexes: these are just some recent headlines to stories documenting the upward

rise of the female sex. It has become the accepted wisdom of the day that no longer are the odds stacked against us and that, indeed, it is now men - underachiev-ing at school, unwanted in the workplace - who more properly justify the term the second sex. Strange, then. that the report just out from the Equal Opportunities Commission confirms none of this. Far from women having gained supremacy. they - we - haven't even achieved equality. Women still earn, on average, 20 per cent less than their male counterparts and not until the year 2040, it is reckoned, will that gap close.

These are shocking findings, but peculiarly satisfy-ing to read all the same. It is important that we see the facts and are forced to recognise that the essentially misogynistic picture of women as greedy looters and appropriators of the rights and jobs of men is a false one. The evidence points to the fact that men are still being paid a premium just

Clearly this is wrong. What case could there be to argue for it? And yet there are plenty of people who would be happy to see a greater disparity in men and women's pay: indeed, they would like to see women out of the workplace altogether.

I can understand why certain men should feel that the world would be a better place if women stayed at home while men went out to work. And I have a glimmer of understanding why some women support this view. Men whose supremacy has been questioned are bound to be resentful, and who wouldn't protect their own power base?

The female argument for unequal pay, or so little pay that there could be no incentive to enter the workplace, is superficially different, but essentially the same. Women who regard the office as a male preserve need to feel that the domestic sphere is valued or, more, that they are valued for remaining in and shaping it. Any appreciation of a female workforce feels like a criticism of them: inequality of pay is the last their way of life.

There is, however, some truth in the depiction of

women finding employment at the cost of men losing theirs. What people should recognise, though, is that this is a consequence of the unfair pay differential. Em-ployers don't give jobs to women because of some feminist drive or belief in the higher ability of women to get the job done. They do it because it cuts their wages bill. Indeed, many women at the lower end of the scale (the ones working part-time who are earning 58 per cent less than the full-time men doing the same job) may be bizarrely grateful for the inequality

**Paying** the price for not minding the wage

gap...

Nigella Lawson

even as they resent it. Of course, too much attention is always paid to women at the other, loftier, end of the scale. Somehow it is difficult to have sympathy for a female film star who complains that she gets a mere \$2 million a movie while her male counterparts are paid three or more times that amount. Nevertheless, it does influence, subliminally, the way we regard all complaints about pay gaps and their

Violen who complain above " pay are just whingers as far as most people are concerned; "lucky to have a job at all is, one deduces, the implication. Implicit also is the notion that by entering the workforce women are taking men's jobs away from them. But only historically is this true. Women may be taking jobs once done by men but that doesn't make any job a man's job. Men do not have any more right to emp ment than women do, although the fact that they get paid more for doing the same work might seem to suggest that this is indeed the

One might think, though, that it would be impossible for a workforce so unequally renumerated to work together. But while unemployment is high, who is in a position to complain? Besides - apart from those industries which still operate a fixed wage scale - which of us ever knows what the next employee is earning? The demise of unionised labour on the one hand means that more and more salaries are paid according to personal con-

tracts. That is especially true in managerial occupations which, incidentally, have a particularly large sex-pay differential. And on the other hand, now that sex is no longer a taboo, money increasingly is. No one dis-cusses what they get paid over here and would rather die than ask what a colleague's salary is.

It is also undeniable that even though society, the way we live our lives, has changed, at the back of our minds is the idea that a man is the breadwinner. He must earn to support a wife and children: women, if they are not selfish carcerists hellbent on their own advancement. are otherwise just working for pin money. There couldn't be a mure outdated and economically out-of-tocus picture of how we live now, and yet we seem unable or disinclined to accept that. But then, change is always difficult. There is bound to be a lag between reality and the image we have of it.

But in the case of pay, it seems that this discrepancy has worked the other way round. We are so convinced that we live in the great postfeminist age (and that's a phrase that should immediately be scrubbed from the language) that we are in danger of overlooking the actual evidence: which is that unless we do something about it, it will take another half century for us to achieve the equality that we fondly though erroneously imagine we have long since won.

I AM far from impressed by the idea of the new "future proof" phone. It's not the proposed revision (yet again) of the telephone numbers that exercises me particularly, but the talk that goes with it of our "maintaining our place in the forefront of world telecommunications".

For I have come to the conclusion that we are not temperamentally suited to be any place other than at the very slagheap of world telecommunications. I cite in evidence Call Waiting. This is a means by which one can tell someone is trying to ring when one is already on the

This works wonderfully in America but not at all over here. Every time 1 ring someone who's got Call Waiting tand is already talking to someone else) and hear the electronic message come down the line telling me not to hang person you are calling knows you are waiting" - I become enraged. Because everyone here is so afraid of seeming rude by letting their first caller know that a second is on the line that they ignore the signal.

Now, I have some sympathy with that ditheriness: it's why, after all, I don't have Call Waiting on my line. But please, would others similarly craven just drop the service? From the caller's point of view, it would be better to hear an engaged signal rather than be left hanging on with someone turning insult to injury by telling us that our presence is being noted just ignored.

## **TOMORROW** "The nurse didn't go so far

as to say: 'Have you ever heard of contraception? But her lecture

was stinging" Maureen Freely on the pleasures of parenthood

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# Alan Coren



## Welcome to the poll of the century, and goodbye to the century of the poll

have, I do believe, the key to the Great Millennium Exhibition. I even know what that key, shed of metaphor, would look like. It would look like a Yale key. I know this because, if the nation were asked to vote for its favourite key, the Yale would unquestionably come top. It would leave the Chubb and the Ingersoil at the post. And that is the key to the key: for the key to

the Great Millennium Exhibition is vox populi. And since it seems to be generally agreed that what the Greenwich Megadome should contain is the quintessence of Britain, it must surely follow, in these poll-driven times, that it has to be left to the British people to determine what that quintessence is. There must, before the Megadome is topped out, be national referendums about everything it is to enshrine.

This revelation came to me in the small hours of Tuesday morning, when, as so often, I had given up counting sheep in favour of gathering their wool, and it came while I was mulling the curious fact that, a few hours earlier, the British people had elected The Lord of the Rings as their book of the century. I tried to picture someone enjoying it, and suddenly Des Lynam sprang (all right, sauntered) into my mind. It took but a moment to realise why: it was because Des himself had, a month back, been elected by the British as their personality of the century. Who better, then, to place in a snug fireside chair, deep in Middle Earth, accompanied only by the voice of Doris Day trilling Move Over, Darting — which the British recently voted song of the century — as the core exhibit and icon of Megadome 2000?

But how shall we determine the nature of

Des's fireside chair? A poll must be held. It will almost certainly come up with a reproduction Regency wing item in green leather, with distressed buttons. And, of course, a matching pouffe, for what I am sure the British people will decide are Des's Hush Puppies. As for Des's real puppies. who can doubt that some 87 per cent of the population will plump for yellow labradors, to match his lavatory paper, itself a landslide victory? What these are romping on, mind, as Des chuckles over his elves, is less as Des chuckies over his eives, is less guessable: once, it would have been figured Wilton, later a nice shagpile, but the bucolic style is a strong runner these days — cf. Des's log fire, which pulled over 70 per cent of the hearing vote — and it could well be that the Megadome will end up with restored floor-boards and a scatter of John Lewis oriental rugs, even if these do sit somewhat uneasily with his nice Anglepoise lamp, unquestionably Britain's illumination of choice.

Oh, look, Des is reaching for a tasty tithit rom the recently elected oakette table, usefully de-nested beside his chair. Megadome visitors crane to see. Will it be a stick of KitKat or a nibble of Mars? This time I cannot anticipate, the voting will have been close, there is even an outside chance that a Penguin will sneak up and snatch victory at the wire; one prays only that it does not spoil his appetite (voted Britain's second favourite caution, after mind how you go for the Delia Smith steak-and-kidney pud-ding currently simmering in his (solid-fuel) Aga in the Megadome's flagstoned and copper-hung kitchen.

I feel some of you growing restless, as 2000 approaches, over what you will see hanging on Des's wall: will it be a Tretchikoff or a David Shepherd? Well, very likely both - unless, between now and then, some sly opportunist knocks up a green-faced woman riding an elephant, especially if he throws in a couple of gleaners for good measure.

And has Des been voted a car? He has: beyond his mullioned window (through which, at every hour on the hour, the hologrammed face of dear Eric Morecambe will pop, asking Des to bring him sunshine), the British people's most cherished motor sits in the rose-girt drive. It is a Morris Minor. Very soon now, Des will put down Tolkien, turn off Doris, wind the carriage clock which beat its grandfather only after a recount, and drive across the Megadome to a thatched pub with a big blonde barmaid and a shoveha penny board for a pint of lukewarm bitter and a Smith's Original crisp. He will not, however, stay long. He must get back for an early dinner. Because tonight, as every night, Des has tickets for The Mousetrap.



# Give charity a chance

lowly the fog begins to thin.

From its depths we see dark shapes of things to come. There looms the gaunt visage of Gordon Brown. Round him chatter dwarfs - Blunkett, Smith, Harman, Straw tugging at his purse. Over them worries a wizard covered in glitter, his face a rictus smile. We mortals thought we knew it all. We stumble blinking from the grim Nineties to be told of a land of bright promise ahead. Yet what horror do these creatures of the fog foretell? They are not true Hobbits.

Which brings me to social services privatisation. On Friday of each week, spindoctors fan out from the party headquarters to tell the Sunday papers what to print. Last Friday the Tory doctors told them to print a story about how the last bastions of the welfare state, old people's and children's care, were to be kicked out of the public sector. Ministers still had red blood in their veins, a White Paper would be published and blue water put between the parties. The papers duly printed this rainbow tale.

They also printed Labour's instant denunciation. The relevant dwarf, Chris Smith, derided this "clapped-out ideology". He condemned those who could savage the "most vulnerable in our society". Destitute women, orphans and the disabled, he implied, were to be thrown to the wolves of private profit. At last, thought Mr Smith, here was a socialist bone on which he could chew. Yet between breakfast and dinner, somebody got at Mr Smith. By Sunday the policy was transformed. It would be looked at pragmatically. No option was being rejected, only a "central diktat". Was Mr Smith outraged? No. Was he all sweet reason? Of course.

What changed Mr Smith was the rattling chains and the clanking fetters of Mr Brown. Mr Brown is already the embodiment of "the Treasury view". He is more than Chancellor-in-waiting. He is jailer of the demon of "tax-and-spend", whose escape his colleagues are always trying to effect. Sub-contracting personal social services for the elderly and children is likely to save money. It might recoup as much as £2 billion a year if forcefully implemented. If it upsets the unions and enrages the Left, too bad - or so good.

In British public administration, some policies are born dull, some achieve dullness and some (such as Europe) have duliness thrust upon them. Personal social services are all three. They em-body Bagehot's dictum that good govThe most vulnerable among us, the old and the young, need to be freed from

the dead hand of the welfare state

ernment aspires to the state of tedium. They are a backwater of a backwater. Even VAT regulations sparkle com-pared with residential and domiciliary care for the elderly and young people. These services may employ a quarter of a million people in England and Wales. They may cost £3 billion, the equivalent of 4p on income tax. But they are about the incontinent old, the retarded young. the incurable, the uncontrollable, the unthinkable. We wish to fund them and forget. We want them to be dull.

When in the 1980s Margaret Thatcher pressed the welfare state to go out to tender, she meant refuse collection, school huses, street-cleaning

and hospital laundries. The result has been generally successful. Prices fell, efficiency rose and many a lucrative union racket was smashed. Labour has no pledge to rescind the policy. In 1993, the same was supposed to happen to old people's

homes. A target was set of 85 per cent of places to be privately provided. Only 46 per cent has been achieved. As for children in care, 60 per cent are privately fostered, but almost all the rest re in local council homes.

Some of these institutions are admirable and efficient. Some are not: witness yesterday's revelations about childcare in Clwyd. There may be nothing peculiarly unsaintly about a public-sector home, but there is something peculiarly inefficient. The annual report of the Department of Health shows unit costs in the public sector rising steadily ahead of inflation. New figures apparently also show that costs in the private sector are roughly 20 per cent lower than in the public. In addition, as one scandal after another testifies, local council homes are not independently inspected. They are

truly out of sight and out of mind. Nobody is calling for the State to abandon responsibility for the vulnerable young and old. From the foundling hospital to the great charitable asylums.

the voluntary sector served the nation well. Today, "caring" is a central function of the welfare state. But to care does not mean to provide. A service can be stipulated, purchased and monitored. He who pays the piper can call the tune,

but he need not play the pipe.
We now know that the rot of child abuse that Dickens exposed in the unregulated charitable sector can spread largely undetected through the public sector. The account given yesterday by the former social services director of Clwyd was a harrowing instance of "producer capture". Here was a uniondominated service on which nobody

> Care of the vulnerable is itself vulnerable. It attracts both the best and the worst of human characteristics. A child in care now has, depending on the area, between £150 and £300 a week spent on him or her. This is more than all but the very wealth-

dared blow the whistle.

iest families spend on a child. The State is entitled to value for money. Small wonder that officials charged with spending such sums want to see them go to homes run by friends and party colleagues. Small wonder that they prefer fostering to adoption, because fostering keeps children under their control and the money flowing. (The stifling of adoption in Britain by local political activists is costly and cruel, both to children and to prospective parents.)

ost Tory reforms have been hostile to diversity in public service. Schools, hospitals, clinics, libraries and police stations all now operate under centralised regimes unthinkable 20 years ago. Local government is disempowered, and scope for innovation has been diminished. But one reform has undoubtedly energised local govern-ment competitive tendering of non-personal services. Streets are cleaner and rubbish is better collected as a result.

Personal services have proved more delicate. The care of the elderly, the mentally disabled and children without families is unlikely to be a popular candidate for selling to a French water company or American entrepreneur. Allowing people to profit from taxes paid for the care of the elderly is not an appealing prospect - except under the most tightly monitored contracts. What is attractive is the opening this policy offers to the charitable sector:

The voluntary principle that begat Barnado's 112 homes was a good one. There is no evidence that the State has any unique competence in caring for children without families. The word charity was once applied to the noblest human emotion. In the 1960s it was turned into a smear word to justify the growth of union co-operatives. Not

Neither charity nor its benig sister "the public service ethos" has fared well under the financial hierarchies beloved of Thatcherite ministers Only one police chief, Hampshire's John Hoddinott, refused to sign the Home Office's odious payment by results bonus scheme, protesting that a public servant should need no babe to work his best. The proposal to put old people's services and childrant out to tender is a gamble, a gamble with the nation's charity and its ethos of public service.

The gamble is honourable. It is a truth widely acknowledged that people can more about their fellow homans when doing so voluntarily, even unpaid. They, may need sensitive selection, supervision, equipment and inspection. But Britain's edisting volumeer services, such as the lifeboats and the Samaritans, are exemplars. The charitable instinct is inherent in the concept of a strong community. It leads to the forming of associations. Adam Spirits bonds of sympathy, compassion and fellow feel ing", de l'ocqueville's bedrocks of democracy. Community has had a bleak time under the Topies. Perhaps its

hour has come in this worthy cause. The enthusiast for local democracy must learn to separate sheep from goats. Personal social services are not like roads or schools or planning, where pol-itical questions ought to be decided by election. They are national services, best purchased locally and best provided privately. Labour's second throughts on this were better than its first.

# A Cabinet seat for Europe

Will Blair will set up

a new ministry.

asks Sue Cameron

If Tony Blair makes it to Downing Street this spring he may well find on his desk a Whitehall brief arguing the case for a new Department for Europe". Five years ago, the file prepared for Neil Kinnock included such a proposal, but it was shelved when Labour lost the alerting. New with carmaigning under election. Now, with campaigning under way in earnest, officials are looking at the idea again as they prepare advice for possible new ministers. This time the need for a radical rethink about how the British government machine deals with Europe is far more urpent.

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The dithering and disunity of politicians is causing Whitehall itself to falter.

Civil servants are being pressurised on all sides. At home their political masters and their putative political masters in highering and and their putative pointed masters in the Labour Party are bickering and backtracking over Europe. Once it would not have mattered to Whitehall, for officials were able to take a long view of Brussels and all its works. No longer. Today other leading members of the

EU are stepping up the pace, setting tight deadlines, pressing for answers. The meeting this month between John Major and Wim Kok, Prime Minister of The Netherlands, which currently holds the EU presidency, showed that Britain's partners are determined to push ahead with a new treaty in Amsterdam this June. For British officials there is no escape. As the Conservative MEP Graham Mather puts it. "Suddenly Europe has become a red-hor-coals job for Whitehall civil servants, and there's nowhere for them to hide. The problem is that Whitehall hasn't re-engineered itself to cope with Europe and the fact that today all the wicked issues are European - from mad cows to economic and

monetary policy.

Mr Mather is among those who believe Britain needs a Department for
Europe headed by a Cabinet minister and with its own permanent secretary and subject specialists. Adherents of the idea — inside and outside Whitehall say that if Britain is to get to the heart of Europe then we must have a department to spearhead such a drive and to act as a

focus for European policy.

More significantly, they insist that if
Britain wants to balt further integration of the EU nations, the need for a separate department is even greater. They stress that only a department with real clout inside the government machcharity but a right was the slogan. It ince can stop what some set as a applied to social benefits but should be supplied to social benefits but should be supplied to social services. In government departments. The way to negotiate a multi-speed Europe, they claim, is to have a single, co-ordinating department dedicated to achieving that.

> There is already a unit in the Calinet Office charged with the job of co-ordinating Whitehall's response to Europe in crucial matters such as the inter-governmental confer-ence. It is well regarded — not least by continental civil servants — and could form the nucleus of a new department. There is also a Minister for Europe, but David Davis, the current holder of the post, is not in the Cabinet. He is therefore outranked by all Cabinet ministers in Britain and also by his opposite numbers in France and Germany. Michèle Barnier, the French Minister for Europe, is of Cabinet rank, as is Germany's Werner Hoyer. Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister, whose pleas to Tory Euro-

sceptics to stop bickering were rebuffed up Monday, has called for a Cabinet-fank minister for Europe. In his book The Challenge of Europe - Can Britain Win?, he says such a post would "en-hance parliamentary accountability while going some way to remedy the weakness of departmental ministers who are available only part-time for their European responsibilities. It is a pay he has not acted on his theory.

Copposition to the creation of a Department for Europe will come from

some Foreign Office people who fear it would diminish their empire. The For-eign Secretary, whether the Tory Mal-colm Rilkind or Labour's Robin Cook, is likely to fight the idea for precisely that 🌲 reason. Yet there is a halfway house. Over at the Treasury, the Chief

Secretary has Cabinet rank, although there is no doubt that the Chancellor of the Euchequer is the boss. A new Department for Europe could be kept under the segis of the Foreign Office with its Cabinet rank minister deferring ultimentally to the Foreign Secretary. Britage experimented with such a sys-teen when Lord Carrington was Foreign Secretary and Sir Ian (now Lord) Callingur spoke on foreign affairs as a Callingur munister in the Communs.

Action to prime the government machine on Europe is urgently needed. If would be unkind to suggest that parts of Whitehall are in a blue funk about Europe, but it might be accurate. Officbeing drawn willy-nilly into the political battle over Burope — so much so that some are perpous of fighting Britain's corner as hard as they might over breadand hutter matters.

Others are said to be so fearful of putting enough effort into the prudent

the paralysis gripping our politicians and lend a new robustness to Britain dealings with its EU partners. That is something that both Europhobes and Europhiles might welcome:

# Ego centre

ATTEMPTS to turn Sigmund Freud's birthplace into a museum are being met with fierce resistance by its owners, who run it as a

massage parlour.
The birthplace is not on the scale of the Freud Museum in north London, but the local council in Pribor, in the Czech Republic, wants to buy it, considering it a wasted asset in a rown whose main feature is the Lonka sock

The Freud family - Sigmund, his mother and wool merchant lather - lived in the 16ft by 16ft hasement of the house until Freud moved to Vienna in 1859. The mom now contains lake marble flooring and white sofas. A plastic Hawaiian sunset curtain separates the reception from the ultraviolet-lit massage room.

"We are offering our own sort of therapy," says Mrs Matula, the owner, surrounded by her jars of massage oil and Chinese relaxation balls. She has asked the council for the equivalent of £80,000 for the house at 117

Schlossergasse. "Too much," they say, offering £11,000. Perhaps this is justice for Pribor's long neglect of its most famous son. It was only in 1969

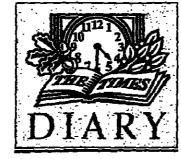
that the town built a monument to him, and it took until 1994 to give him honorary citizenship. "Our trouble," moans a percep-

tive deputy mayor. "is that most people only connect Freud with Vienna, and definitely not with a massage parlour in a North Mora-

 Stringent measures have been introduced at The Guardian, where reporters are accustomed to using taxis to gad about town. In an attempt to discourage such







extravagance, the paper has bought two bicycles to be used by journalists. The Editor's office explains that its troops will get to stories faster than ever before.

# **Booking out**

AT THE Evening Standard, they were mourning the resignation of their literary editor Andrew (A.N.) Wilson on the eve of the Whitbread Book of the Year Award. He is leaving to write novels.

Claims that he fell out with the Editor, Max Hastings, a man happiest on a rough shoot in the wilds of Ireland, after being forced to review angling books and tales of country pursuits are scotched by Hastings himself. "It's very sad that he's decided to resign after seven years, but he's going to carry on writing for us," he says. "If there was any acrimony about

this. I doubt he would be planning to spend the weekend with me which he is." Hastings would not be drawn on a successor, but Miriam Gross, the longstanding literary editor of The Sunday Telegraph, is being mentioned.

## Bill's men ANYONE who thought President

Clinton had given up on Northern ireland may have been surprised to find two Ulstermen attending his inauguration by personal invitation. John McCaffrey, the director of development at the University of Ulster, and David Kitchen, the director of university programmes, say they were flown over as guests of Bill, whom they met during his visit to Belfast in 1995. "We've had good tickets and we've been hanging out with the President's stepsister," said Kitchen. No matter that no one recalls Clinton having a stepsister.

# Grirris

OVER in Hollywood, they are pre-paring for the Oscars with a cer-tain trepidation. They are afraid that this year's awards ceremony could turn nasty because of tensions between two singersturned-actresses: Madonna and Courtney Love.



like each other, they share a career path, from raunchy to almost respeciable. Madonna, once noted for her conical bras, is now the Oscar-tipped star of Evita. Love, a princess of "grunge" and widow of the junkie Kurt Cobain, has been turning up to showings of her movie The People vs. Larry Flynt

nightmares of Love pursuing her with a gun, while Love has compared Madonna to a vampire. She has also added: "Every decade has its star and Madonna was it in

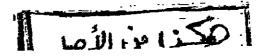


Madonna and Love will the Oscars drive them Madonna and Love: will the Oscars drive measurement.

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Madonna has said that she has oned with Simpson's will feel empty without him.





# **GERMANY LOOKS EAST**

But Central Europe should not take its commitment for granted

The ghost of Munich was finally laid to rest break out of the stifling constrictions of the yesterday, with the formal signing in Prague old Comecon framework. Given the slug-of a joint declaration by Helmut Kohl and gish response from other Western capitals Vaclay Klaus, the Czech Prime Minister, to cement the postwar reconciliation between Germany and the Czech Republic. In the accord, Germany expressed "sorrow" at the Nazi occupation and the Czechs "regretted" the expulsion after the Second World War of 25 million Germans from the Sudetenland. Herr Kohl also promised to support Czech membership of the European Union. The accord is intended to end one of the bitterest legacies of Hitler's aggression, remove the last barrier to German influence in Mitteleuropa and speed the entry of Germany's eastern neighbours into the European Union. Yet all three hopes may yet be disappointed; and Eastern Europe has reason to fear a new betraval

The courage and vision of Herr Kohl and Mr Klaus are not in question. Both men were determined to seek an accommodation despite fierce domestic opposition. Neither received in full what he wanted. And both know that the resentment of the German expellees as well as the Czechs who lost families and property during the German occupation will continue to poison domestic politics and public sentiment. Neither was fully able to acknowledge guilt at whathappened; talk of "sorrow" and "regret" will still look mealy-mouthed to those who remember what took place on Czechoslovak

Yet the accord does, at last, allow Germany to restore its political and cultural influence to an area where over the centuries it has played a generally determining role. This influence can already be seen on the ground; since the collapse of communism, German firms, capital, exports and knowhow have moved in to take full advantage of the new markets in Poland, Hungary, the Czech Republic and Slovakia.

Germany is by far the biggest market for East European industries struggling to at the negotiating table.

and the failure of industry in countries such as Britain to respond to the yearning of the newly liberated peoples to be reconnected. spiritually and economically, to the West, this comes as no surprise. Bonn simply filled the vacuum which had been left by the

departing Russians. For many in Germany's hinterland, the investment by Volkswagen, the neon lights advertising German washing machines, the beer and foodstuffs from Bavaria, the training opportunities and weekend tourist trips are welcome. Inevitably, German industrial habits, the German language and the German vision of the new Europe have

swept in with the consumer tide. But not all economists or politicians are without reservations. They do not want to swap dependency on Moscow for Berlin. Above all, they are not convinced, despite warm words in Bonn, that Germany is as zealous in promoting their interests within the EU as it is in furthering its own interests

The crucial demand of Budapest, Warsaw and Prague is for access to EU markets, especially for their farm products. And Germany has shown that it is far from championing the cause of the EU applicants. Appeasing the demands of inefficient farmers in Bavaria sways decision-making in

There has been a clear retreat in Germany from a commitment to the earliest possible EU entry of the Central Europeans, with emphasis instead on consolidating monetary and political integration among the present members. Already, Eastern Europeans fear Nato backsliding over fast entry into the Atlantic alliance. Nothing would be crueller than to encourage them to prepare for EU membership while holding up their exports at the frontier and their aspirations

# STILL IN WAITING

The perils of appearing to be already in power

It is Opposition parties who are supposed to endure humiliation. Their Shadow Foreign Secretaries are mistaken for ambassadors by American Presidents. Their spokesmen work in cubbyholes; with a researcher. a shared secretary and a dog. They lament the lack of media coverage for their policies. And they have to rely on the Tube to take them to fashionable parties.

So it must be amusing for Labour Party leaders to experience the tables being turned. Last week's wrangling over the Millennium Exhibition, for instance, had the Deputy Prime Minister, Michael Heseltine, visiting Tony Blair's office to request the Labour leader to support the Millennium Commission's plans for Greenwich. This had all the ingredients that Mr Blair's spin-doctors could have wished for: the public was left with the impression that Labour was merely awaiting the summons to govern in a few months' time.

Then yesterday, at the launch of a report by top businessmen that broadly backed Labour's policies, Mr Blair had another chance to embarrass Mr Heseltine. The Deputy Prime Minister, having first declined an invitation to attend the launch, had asked if he could come after all once he saw how much publicity the event would generate for Labour. Mr Blair joked that he would have to resort to the new stalking laws if the Deputy Prime Minister followed him to Amsterdam on Friday.

This is all good knockabout stuff. And the Government has clearly contributed to the public's perception of Labour as a government-in-waiting. With a tiny majority, the

Tories discipline has become ragged, and they govern at the mercy of events: last night's health vote saw fierce bullying by the whips. Labour likes to boast of the changed policies that it has achieved even in opposition: reduced VAT on fuel, stalking and paedophile Bills, a Bill on combat knives, and greater supervision of police

But Mr Blair still has to win an election before he can govern the country. Labour does not assume power from the Conservatives this year as if it were Luxembourg taking over the presidency of the European Union from The Netherlands. If business leaders are queueing up to back the Opposition, they are doing so on the balance of probabilities. As any bookmaker knows, a racing certainty can easily be deleated.

Mr Blair must be assuming that, once momentum builds up behind a party, it can attract voters who want to be associated with the winning side. And, when a party has been out of office for 18 years, there is clearly a benefit to be gained from looking ready for government. But there is a countervailing effect too. Britons are famously sympathetic to underdogs; and equally intolerant of presumption.

The line between looking prime ministerial and seeming complacent is very thin. Mr Blair rightly tells his party that voters should not be taken for granted. He would not be human if he did not secretly revel in the attention and approbation which is being showered upon him by former foes. But he should be careful not to let it show too

# WAR OF THE GREENS

Vegetables can be interesting, but are not the only virtuous food

Parents are said to have lost the battle over what children eat. Yesterday's report from Strathchyde University asserts that new generations of children are being exposed to a greater risk of cancer because they are bullying their parents into letting them eat whatever they want. The report is interpreted as an indictment of official healthy eating campaigns. It criticises schools for letting pupils pick junk food. And it asserts that Christmas lunch is the only meal in the year at which children receive an adequate intake of vegetables. This assertion begs the broccoli of whether children consider Brussels sprouts and parsnips to be edible vegetables in the strict acceptance of both terms.

Now it is obvious that parents (and nannies in households that have them) exercise less tyrannical authority over the table than once they did. This is one of the few areas of their lives that children control, because they have the power to refuse to eat. And there is statistical evidence that people, including children, are growing fatter. especially in the Western world, especially in the United States, especially in the poorer families. Anecdotal evidence suggests that children live on crisps and sweets, cereals and spagnetti rings. And Economist figures for 1997 show that household consumption of fresh green vegetables has fallen from 406 grammes per person per week to 245 grammes 30 years later. So the old tribal exhortation to eat up one's greens, accompanied by vague threats, no longer simply falls on refuctant ears. It is not even uttered.

But parents have always projected their fears and obsessions on their children. And our current dietary fads stem partly from the admirable modern craze for healthy living. and partly from folk memories of war and rationing. But today's diet experts who live off the fat of the land would disapprove of previously approved British regimes of fortifying bread and dripping and suet puddings. Greens and other vegetables contain vitamins, nutrients and roughage essential to healthy growth. But then so do plenty of other foods now available.

During the same period in which the statisticians find that average consumption of fresh green vegetables declined, consumption of fresh fruit and frozen vegetables rose sharply. (This latest research into children's diets was funded by a frozen food company and the Cancer Research Campaign.) Supermarketing has brought to the shelves vegetables that were considered exotic weeds a generation ago, and keeps them there through every season. Modern cooking has found tastier recipes for vegetables than boiling them to pulp. And salads of a variety undreamt of a generation ago are a favourite dish - of teenage girls at least.

The human body is a magnificently adaptable machine. Provided that the body is kept active, a naturally healthy hunger will usually find a healthy diet. So the changing fads of the experts should always be taken with a pinch of salt. And children should be encouraged to develop their own tastes. These could well include vegetables.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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# took UK into EEC

From Mr Norman Lamont. MP for Kingston-upon-Thames (Conservative)

Sir, Sir Edward Heath's letter (January 18; see also letters, January 21) is unconvincing. In 1972, Sir Geoffrey Howe, then the Solicitor-General responsible for taking the European Communities Bill through the House,

Let us remind ourselves of the original Treaties of Rome and Paris. They set out. resentially, to establish a "Common Mar-lest". It is this basically simple economic concept — the establishment of a single market, a single trading area throughout Europe — that is at the heart of the Com-

There was not much mention here of a directly elected Parliament, a European passport, European citizen-

ship or a single currency.
The 1971 White Paper stated: "There is no question of any erosion of essential national sovereignty." It did go on to say that the EEC involved a sharing and enlargement of national sov-ereignties". Thus the White Paper gave the impression of defending national sovereignty to disguise the true position, and enable its advocates to assert that only inessential sovereignty was being handed over.

It is completely misleading to say that sovereignty is being enlarged; "pooling" national sovereignry selfevidently means it is being given away. No wonder ordinary people lose patience with such sophistry and feel betrayed.

Sir Edward Heath seems to confuse sovereignty with power. They are not the same thing. Sovereignty is the freedom to make your own laws for your own people through your own parliament. That right is being rapidly eroded and on a scale certainly never revealed to the British people in the early 1970s.

Yours faithfully, NORMAN LAMONT, House of Commons. January 21.

From Lord Beloff

Sir, By quoting from a silly little book I wrote as a cloistered don nearly 30 years ago, Professor Bogdanor (letter. January 21) has proved that I once held the same foolish views as Sir Edward Heath.

The difference is that observation of the European and world scene over the intervening period has led me to repent of my folly: Sir Edward remains mired in his.

Yours truly. BELUST. House of Lords. January 21.

From Mr J. A. Davis

Sir, Lord Beloff's view (letter, January 15) is that there was a positive intention, at the time Britain joined the Common Market, to secure our participation in a federal or "superstate". and that this was due to pessimism in a section of the British elite about our ability to operate as a successful nation state.

The essentially federal nature of the EEC and the aspiration of the original members to press on to ever greater unity had been on public display for over 20 years before we joined, as Sir Edward Heath has made clear. The European Court of Justice had proclaimed the supremacy of Community law two years before we joined. It has taken, so it seems, a further 20 years for us to wake up to what we did.

When one considers what that says about the honesty and competence of the mother of Parliaments and the alertness of what is supposed to be one of the most sophisticated electorates in the world, it rather suggests that that pessimism was totally justified.

I was not deceived and voted to come out in 1975. I would not repeat that mistake today.

Yours faithfully. J. A. DAVIS, 54 Woodlands Road. Bookham, Surrey. January 18.

From Mr Patrick Howard

Sir, Sir Edward Heath dismisses Lord Beloff's fear that "policies dreamed up elsewhere" could ruin the livelihoods of many UK citizens by citing the UK's achievement in having the best employment record in the Union. I would maintain that this has been

achieved only through our oping out of Union policies on the ERM, the social chapter and the minimum wage.

Yours faithfully. PATRICK HOWARD. 37 Ennerdale Road, Kew, Richmond, Surrey.

## Vote on bugging

From Mrs Sally Flintoff

Sir, The vote by the Upper House to overturn that part of the Police Bill relating to bugging (report, January 2!) illustrates why the House of Lords should remain in being. Its role as a valuable checking device on the Government should not be underesti-

We all want the police to have sufficient means to detect crime, but not at any price.

Yours faithfully. SALLY FLINTOFF. 1 Royal Crescent Mews, WII.

# Aims of those who Rail privatisation 'a costly mistake'

From the General Secretary

Sir. It is to be expected that Secretary of State Sir George Young (letter, January 17) would claim railway privatisation is working, but it is ironic that on the day he makes claims about increased investment we learn that for the second time in a month John Swift, the Rail Regulator, has been forced to criticise Railtrack for underinvestment in maintenance (report, Business News).

In its half-year accounts Railtrack identified £760 million of backlog work in vital station/property maintenance but had spent just £11 million. It is still spending considerably less on day-to-day track/signalling mainte-nance than the £800 million a year it claimed was necessary in 1995, just to stand still.

Sir George refers to "investment commitments". These do not amount to actual spending as Railtrack proves. The Secretary of State says that "a billion pounds [will be spent] over 10 years" (ie, £100 million a year) in replacing and refurbishing rolling stock. To put this in perspective, Department of Transport statistics show that over the last decade of public ownership the Conservative Government spent on average £275 million a year on rolling stock. Even if additional investment in new rolling stock is forthcoming it will be far too late to save the UK-based rolling-stock in-

Support for the privatised railway this financial year is likely to be £1,760 million. By 2000 Opraf, the rail franchiser, forecast last November that support will have fallen to £1.260 million. In the last year of the integrated

Despite an increase in grant of 60 per cent there is just no evidence of real improvements in services. Much of the data on timekeeping, for example, is spurious. Yet, there can be little doubt that the old integrated railway, given these additional resources, would have provided substantial.

National Union of Rail. Maritime & Transport Workers. Unity House, Euston Road, NWI.

# Banking on pay of £1 million a year

From Mr Paul Ashton

Sir. William Rees-Mogg claims (article. January 20) that Nicola Horlick. the El million-a-year bank employee. was "almost certainly worth a great deal more to the bank than they were paying her". This is based on his assumption that perhaps 5 per cent of the capital value of the bank, equal to £75 million, might be attributed to Mrs Horlick's personal contribu-

Such unscientific, if not bogus, calculations about the worth of an individual's contribution to the profitability of an organisation are frequently used to justify enormous salaries and bonuses. They are meaningless because they assume, in my view quite wrongly, that the organisation could not employ someone else who would perform at least as well for, say, half the financial reward.

Over-inflated salaries and bonus rates exist purely because of the self-interest of fellow-executives, who know that by suggesting them they will benefit too. Entrepreneurs who risk all they have deserve high rewards: salaned employees are Worth no more than the lowest amount an equally skilled and productive person would accept to do the job.

Yours faithfully, PAUL ASHTON,

Eastbourne, East Sussex.

Sir, Whether William Rees Mogg's article accurately reflects what happens

The peace process should not be rushed, certainly, but it must be pushed forward as quickly as possible. The situation will not simply stand still while talks proceed; there remains a serious danger of it deteriorating and

The Palestinians of the West Bank

which should move the peace process forward. I must disagree with your

From Mr Ronald Thwaites, QC Sir, I wholeheartedly agree with Sir Anthony Beaumont-Dark (letter, January 14) that it is time for a return to restraint and decency in the treatment of the families of the victims of crime. It has become routine to see dishevelled and visibly emotional relatives of recently murdered victims and lost children paraded before a posse of journalists and TV cameras by the police in an appeal for witnesses to

come forward. First, that is not the job of the bereaved. Second. it is unlikely that they are thinking clearly enough to be able to make a rational decision about the wisdom of taking part in such spectacles. Third, they cannot contribute anything other than their tragic demeanour to the investigation of the case. Fourth, what price sensitivity to their feelings?

Do the police believe that we as a nation have become so hardened that we have become immune to the daily diet of horrors that take place; or that we cannot imagine the grief of the parents for their dead children, or spouses for their dead partners, without seeing it for ourselves; or that it is now expected that the bereaved practise their grief in public before witnesses are persuaded to come forward? Have we become such a sick and callous society?

Yours faithfully, RONALD THWAITES, 10 King's Bench Walk, Temple, EC4. railway, 1993-94, BR received £1.073 million, including grant from Passenger Transport Executives. Can we afford any more success of this kind?

long-term improvements.

Far from being a "modest success" (leading article, January 13) railway privatisation is already proving to be a very costly mistake.

Yours sincerely.

JAMES KNAPP, General Secretary.

in the City, I cannot say; but it does

seem to me that fund managers are in

a position to have a one-way bet at

What they win on the swings in

their lucky years, they do not have to

pay back on the roundabouts, when

fortune (or skill) deserts them. They

are fortunate to be paid millions for

Sir, Pennington (Business News, Jan-

uary 21) queries whether Mrs Horlick

is really superhuman to raise five

children on El million. It is hard for us

males to judge this fairly but surely

the question is whether it is remark-

able to earn £1 million whilst raising

Sir, Would it be possible for one of

your media persons to explain the dif-

ference between a "fat cat" and a

126 Roe Lane, Southport, Merseyside.

ued closure of those areas. Their un-

employment is around 50 per cent in

many places and living standards are

Such factors, linked to dissatisfac-

tion over the limited character of the

concessions made thus far by Israel,

mean that the nursuit of a final settle-

ment acceptable to the Palestinian

people should be seen as a matter of

urgency. This should certainly not preclude dealing seriously with all the

outstanding issues in the peace pro-

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their clients' expense.

placing the bets.

24 Broad Street,

January 20.

five children.

Yours faithfully.

From Mr P. Best

"superwoman"?

Yours faithfully,

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January 18.

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January 21.

Ludlow. Shropshire.

From Mr E. Guy Abel

Yours very truly, JAMES McFARLANE.

37 Benbow Avenue, Languey Point,

From Mr James McFarlane

Arab/Israel agreement From Sir Cyril Townsend, MP for Bedevheath (Conservative)

Sir, While I share your relief that an agreement has been reached between Israel and the Palestinian Authority leading article, "Peace in their time" (January 16), in one respect.

destroying the peace process.

and Gaza Strip feel that they are liv-ing under siege because of the contin-

Public grief

## Winning books

Yours faithfully, CYRIL TOWNSEND

(Director).

January 17.

From Mr James Willis

Sir, "Britain's favourite books: the top 100" (report, January 20): 33. Remembrance of Things Past Marcel Proust. 34, Charlie and The Chocolate Fac-

tory Roald Dahl. Would you be prepared to offer a small prize to the reader who can supply a better example of bathos. in

any medium or context? Yours faithfully, JAMES WILLIS. Ashwell Farmhouse, January 21.

## Unspeakable offer

From Mrs C. M. Upton

Sir, A catalogue of rare books received at this house today is offering us The Gollywogg's Fox-hunt (published 1905). Is this the least politicallycorrect title currently available?

Yours faithfully. CHRISTINE M. UPTON. 20 Yew Tree Gardens, Harrogate, North Yorkshire, January 17.

Letters that are intended for publication should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number -

## Conflict over Chief Rabbi's gesture

From Mr Barry Hyman

Sir, Your editorial, "A brother's hand" (January 18), praising Rabbi Jonathan Sacks's intention to attend the memorial meeting for Rabbi Hugo Gryn on February 20 will sadly make no im-pression on, and almost certainly be unread by, those frightened people who oppose the arrangement.

To the many thousands of us who have already paid tribute to Rabbi Gryn at his funeral or the subsequent memorial service, the presence of Rabbi Sacks at a secular gathering is a matter of some indifference. It is nonetheless a helated conciliatory gesture, for which he is to be congratulated, particularly when one sees the wrath it engenders against him from the ultra-orthodox Jewish community from which I exclude the vast majority of modern British observant United Synagogue Jews. They were mostly no less distressed by Rabbi Sacks's absence from Rabbi Gryn's funeral than Reform Jews, as the Jewish Chronicle's letters page showed at

Sadly the Jewish community, now numbering less than 300,000, still contains people whose capacity to re-vile their co-religionists defies belief. An ultra-orthodox rabbi recently condemned, in a radio interview, a nonorthodox group as "criminals and sinners, creating mamzerim (illegitimate children) for ten generations. This is the sort of self-destructive invective which faces Rabbi Sacks each time he makes any sort of gesture towards non-orthodox Jews.

Yours faithfully. BARRY HYMAN, 4 Priory View. Bushey Heath, Hertfordshire. January 18.

From Mr Richard Bacon

Sir, Rabbi Hugo Gryn was a good and wise man who touched many people beyond his own faith. Those who profoundly disagreed with him on theological questions might reflect on what the Chief Rabbi said in his 1990 Reith lectures:

To have faith in God as creator and ruler of the universe is to do more than to believe that God has spoken to us. It is to believe that God has spoken to others, in a lang-uage which we may not understand.

RICHARD BACON, 86 Gloucester Street, SWI. January 19.

In the steps of Todd

From Mr M. G. de St V. Atkins Sir. There was, of course, a difference between the late Lord Todd and the Almighty (letters, January lp. 18), It was recorded in a limerick, told me by an American tribologist; he said that it was current in Christ's when he was an undergraduate there, in the early

[960s: Doesn't it strike you as odd That a commonplace fellow like Todd Should spell, if you please, When one is sufficient for God?

Yours sincerely, M. G. de St V. ATKINS, Cross House, Whittington, Nr Carnforth, Lancashire.

From Mr W. B. H. Lord

Sir. At Cambridge there was a certain amount of rivalry between Todd's chemistry department and the physics department, where the Cavendish Professor was the distinguished solidstate physicist, Sir Nevill Mott.

Todd's somewhat forceful person-

ality gave rise to the jingle: A. R. Todd Thinks he's Godd. N. F. Mott Says he's non.

Yours faithfully, WILLIAM LORD. 2 Orchard Brae, Edinburgh. January 18.

Checkout spies

From Mr Joseph Collins Sir, I received today a voucher, redeemable at Tesco's, for £1 off my next bottle of Three Barrels brandy. It was addressed to me personally "as a

Three Barrels drinker. It was most welcome but - and this is a disturbing thought - how did they know me? The only bottle of this brandy I have ever had came home a week ago in my wife's Tesco shopping - one item on a £10n bill. To Tesco she is Mrs E. Collins. They don't know me from Adam. She might have been a widow or, perish the thought, have been buying brandy for a secret lover. Confidentiality means little in these plastic card and junk-mail days.

Yours faithfully. JOSEPH COLLINS, 22 Cardinal Court, Grand Avenue. Worthing, West Sussex. January 15.

Undercover message

From Mr R. W. Dubell

Sir. I would suggest that if Mrs Beryl Wakefield (letter, January 18) wishes all things to remain the same, she votes Conservative and wears her Marks & Spencer briefs back to front.

Yours. R. W. DUBELL. 3 The Rosary, Wootton Bassett, Wiltshire,



# **COURT CIRCULAR**

SANDRINGHAM, NORFOLK January 21: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were represented by the Baroness Trumpington (Baroness in Waiting) at the Memorial Service for the Lord Gladwyn (formerly Her Majesty's Ambassador to the French Republict which was held in St Margaret's Church, Westminster Ab-bey, today. The Duke of Kent was represented by Mr Andrew Palmer Princess Alexandra, the Hon Lady Ogilvy was represented by Rear-Admiral Sir John Garnier.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE BUCKING FIAM PALACE
January 21: The Princess Royal,
Presidem of the Parrons, Crime
Concern, this evening attended the
Corporate Reception "Parmerships
Work" at Lloyds TSB Group, Lombard Street, London EC3.
Her Royal Highness, President,
Save the Children Fund, later astended a Private Appeal Dinner at
Buckingham Palace.

CLARENCE HOUSE January 21: Dame Frances Campbell Preston has succeeded the Lady Angela Oswald as Lady-in-Waiting to Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother. YORK HOUSE ST JAMES S PALACE

January II: The Duke of Kent. President. Edexcel Foundation, this alternoon presented the Student of the Year Awards, at Drapets' Hall, The opening Awards, at Drapets 1221.
The Duchess of Kent. Royal Patron. the Samaritans, this morning received Mrs Jenny Cunnington, the

cutgoing Chairman, and Mr John Lawrie, the incoming Chairman. Her Royal Highness, Deputy Colo-nel-in-Chief. The Royal Logistic net-in-Critet. The Royal Logistic Corps, this alternoon received Colo-nel Michael Lake, Regimental Colo-nel. on relinquishing the appointment and Colonel Nigel Gil-bert on assuming the appointment.

## Today's royal engagements

The Princess Royal, as President of The Princess Royal Trust for Carers, will visit Nottingham Carers Centre, Queens Bridge Road, Nottingham, at Queens Bridge Road. Nottingham, at IL2s will open the new Carlton Police divisional headquarters. Cavendish Road. Nottingham, at LL2s, will visit the British Geological Survey. Keyworth, Nottingham, at L4S, and, as Patron of The National Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux, will give a dinner for corporate heads at Baskingham Palaye at 800. Buckingham Palace at 8.00.

The Duke of Kent, as Patron, Royal United Services Institute for Defence Studies, will present the Chesney Gold Medal to the Marquess of Anglesey at Whitehall at 12.25.

## Dinners

Company of Charlered Accountants Mr W.S.C. Richards, Master of the Mr W.S.C. Richards, Master of the Company of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, assisted by Mr G.H. Kingsmill, Senior Warden, and Mr W.K. Gardener. Junior Warden, presided at the winter livery dinner held last night at Goldsmiths' Hall. Mr N.J. Durlacher, the Senior Warden and Mr G.J. Hearne also spoke Among others present were warden and Mr G.J. retarrie also spoke Among ethers present were Viscount Slim, Lord Remnant. Mr Alderman Gaven Arthur. Group Captain John Constable. Mr Terry Morris, Mr Alistair Black. Mr W Shand, the Masters and Clerks of the Tallow Chandlers' and Joiners' and Cellers' Companies and of the Guild of Air Pilots and Air Navignors.

Royal Society of Medicine Sir Christopher Paine, President of the Royal Society of Medicine, accompanied by Lady Paine, received the guests at a reception and dinner held last night at I Wimpole Street. Sir Michael Davies was the principal Sir Michael Davies was the principal speaker. Among the guests were: Lord Richardson, the Hon Ann Stafford, Sir Christopher Booth, Sir David Innes Williams, Sir George and Lady Pinker. Sir Donald and Lady Harrison, Lady Davies, Sir Gordon and Lady Robson. Professor Jon Staffworthy and Dr Sally Thompson. United & Cecil Club

Sir Sydney Chapman, MP, a Vice-Chairman of the United & Ceril Club. presided at a diriner given by the club Mr Alastair Goodlad, MP, was the orincipal guest.



John Hurt, the actor, is 57 today

## Birthdays today

Viscount Bearstead, 47: Miss Mary Hayley Bell (Lady (John) Mills), playwright, So; Mr Nigel Benn, boxer. 33: Admiral Sir Lindsav Bryson, 72; Lord Cortesloe, 70; Sir John Cotton. diplomat. 88: Sir Charles Davis. former Counsel to the Speaker. 88: Sir Simon Day, farmer, 62: Mr George Foreman, boxer, 49: Judge Ann Goddard, OC, ol; Miss Margaret Hall, head of design. British Museum. 61: Professor Cyril Ho-garth, physicist, 73: Lord Hughes,

Mr John Last, arts patron. 57: Baroness Lockwood, 73; Miss Elizabeth Lynne, MP, 49; Mr Richard Osmond, company sec-retary, Post Office, 50: Sir Alfred Ramsey, former manager, England's World Cup football team. 77; Mrs Claire Rayner, writer and broadcaster, 66; Mrs Gillian Shephard, Secretary of State for Education and Employment. 57: Sir Michael Spicer, MP, 54: Sir Hilary Talbot, former High Court judge, 95; Lord Wardington, 73; Sir Graham Wilkins, former chairman, Thorn EMI, 73.

# Memorial services

## Lord Gladwyn

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh were represented by Baroness Trumpington at a memorial service for Lord Gladwyn held yesterday at St Margaret's Church, West-minster Abbey. The Duke of Kent was represented by Mr Andrew Palmer and Princess Alexandra by Rear-Admiral Sir John Garnier

Carner.

Canon Donald Gray, Chaplain to the Speaker, officiated, assisted by the Bishop of Coventry, who led the prayers, and Mme Tariana Jolly de Rosnay, granddaughter, who read a prayer in French by Jean Racine. The Hon Isabella Thomas, granddaughter, read the lesson and Lord Gladwyn, son, read the description of the Garden of Paradise from Paradise Lost by John Milton.

Mr Giorgio Giacomelli, Director General of the United Nations Office in Vienna, read a message from Mr Kofi Annan, Secretary General of the United Nations.

Lord Thomas of Swynnerton and Baron Joel de Rosnay, sons-in-law, paid tribute and Lord Jenkins of Hillhead. OM, gave an address. The Rev Roger Holloway and Father Jean-Marie Charles Roux were robed and in the

Sanctuary.

The Lord Chancellor was present. The Secretary of State for Foreign and Common-wealth Affairs was represented by Sir John Margetson. Sir John Coles, Permanent Under Secretary of State and Head of the Diplomatic Service, the French Ambassador and the Director-General of the United Nations Office Democrats was represented by Sir David Steel. MP. Among others present were:

Director-General of the United Nations Office
in General agreed. The Leader of the United
Democrates was represented by Sir David Steel,
the Common of Severation and Baronine of Severation and Baronine of Severation and Baronine of Severation and Baronine of Severation of Severatio

Sir Antony Acland. Sir Romaid and Lady Arculus. Sir Isalah Berilin, OM, and Lady Berilin, Sir Michael and Lady Butler. Sir Alan Campbell, Lady Cazales. Sir Alano and Lady Copisanov. Lady Coulson. Sir Douglas and Lady Dougla-Parker. Sir Stephen and Lady Egerton, Sir Richard Faber, Lady Fergusson, Sir Edward Foro; Sir John and Lady Fergusson, Sir Edward Foro; Sir John and Lady Fergusson, Sir William and Lady Harding, sir Reginald and Lady Hibbert. Sir Russell Johnston, MP, Sir Hugh Jones. Sir John Amd Lady Leahy. Sir Ien Lloyd. Sir Christopher and Lady Mailaby. Sir Peter Marshall, Sir Guy and Lady Millard. Lady Petin.

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Sir Patrick and Lady Reilly. Sir Frank Roberts. Lady Ross. Baron Robert Rolinschild, KCMG, and Baroness Rolinschild. Sir Reginald and Lady Secondé. Dame Mary Smitton. Sir John Smitti, CH, and Lady Smith. Sir James Spooner. Sir Crispin Tickell, Lady Tumim, Sir John Ure, Lady Williers. Sir Robert Wade-Gery, Sir Peter and Lady Williers. Sir Robert Wade-Gery, Sir Peter and Lady Williers. Sir Robert Wade-Gery, Sir Peter and Lady Warkeled. Sir Paul and Lady Wright, Mr Prank and Lady Katharine Giles, Mr Bernard and Lady Harriot Tennant, Mr and the Hon Mrs Christopher Blount. Mr Donald Anderson. Mr. Mr as Eennect. Mr Alexanter Borg Olivier. Captain and Mrs Mc Cavenagh-Mainwaring. Brigadler Alan Cowan. Baroness Liliane de Roinschild, Mr and Mrs Peter Durlacher, Judge and Mrs Marcus Edwards, Ms Serene Fass, Mr Andrew Faulds, MP, Professor M R D Foot, Mr and Mrs Simon Fraser, Mrs Elizabeth Gibbs. Mrs Walter Goetz. Mrs Victor Gordon. Mrs K M W Gordon. Mr W Pency Grieve, OC, Mrs Marit Gulnness Aschan, Mrs Menyon Heald, Mr Robert Jackson, Mrs Robert Longrige, Mr Roger Lubbock. Mrs Terence Maxwell, Mr and Mrs Rh Murray-Phillipson. Mr Mrs Christopher, Mr J Pallon (Ediligo) Association, Mr Nathony Smith (President. Magdalen College. Oxiord), Mr M H & Muller (Brisish branch, French Engineering Institution), Mr Trevor Robinson (Prad

# **Forthcoming** marriages

Mr J.J.K. Sheldon and Miss S.J. Lowry

The engagement is announced between leremy, eldest son of Sir Gervase and Lady Sheldon, of Churt, Surrey, and Susie, eldest daughter of Lieutenant Colonel Michael Lowry and the late Mrs Rua Lowry, of Donhead St Mary.

Mr M.J. Barretto and Miss T. Randall

The engagement is announced between Mark, eldest son of Dr and Mrs John Barretto, of London W8, and Tracy, daughter of Mr John Randall, of Auckland, and Mrs Janet Randall, of Gisborne, New Zealand. Mr D. Peskin

and Miss R. Barretto

The engagement is announced between Dominic, youngest sun of Mr and Mrs Bruce Peskin, of Kingwood Place, Henley-on-Thames, and Roxane, daughter of Dr. and Mrs John Barretto, of Mr P.R.G. Cramsie

and Mies P.C. Ferrosson

The engagement is announced between Paddy, younger son of Mr and Mrs. James Cramsie, of Lambourn, Berkshire, and Petra, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Adam Fergusson, of London.

Mr S.M.K. Goodman and Miss E.J. Seaman-Hill The engagement is armounced between Simon Michael Keith, son of Mr and Mrs Keith Goodman, of Hampstead, London, and Emma Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Hill, of Pirton, Mr.S.N.A. Leefe

and Miss J.F. Vaughan
The engagement is announced
between Simon, son of Mr and
Mrs Neville Leefe, of Coolham. Sussex, and Joy, younger daughter of the late Mr Roger Vaughan and of Mrs Joan Vaughan, of Johannesburg.

Mr R.M. Dunlop and Miss P.J. Strathor The engagement is announced between Hamish, son of the late Mr Michael Dunlop and of Mrs Judy Dunlop, of Little London, East Sussex, and Penelope, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Nicholas Strathon, of Butlers Cross, Buckinghamshire.

Mr R.D. Marray Brown and Miss R.M. Acworth

The engagement is announced between Robin, only son of Colonei and Mrs David Murray Brown, of Crowborough, East Sussex, and Rachel, only daughter of the Venerable and Mrs Richard Acworth, of Wells, Somerset. Mr A. Rowlands

and Miss A. Schock The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs Derek Rowlands, of Soranks Manor, Fairseat, Kent, and Amouchka, elder daughter of Mr Thomas Schoch, of Kensington, London, and Mrs Sandra Schoch, of Scorches Farm, Hassocks,

Mr N.W.T. Woodbouse

and Miss E.R. Day
The engagement is announced
between Nicholas, younger son of
Mr and Mrs Richard Woodhouse, of Widmerpool, Nottinghamshire, and Rebecca, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Owen Day, of

Redbourne, Lincolnshire.

## Marriage

Mr M. Clond and Miss S. Wiseman The marriage took place at Chel-sea Register Office, on Saturday, January 18, of Mr Matthew Cloud. younger son of Mr Stanley Cloud, younger son of Mr Stanley Cloud and Mrs Namy Fuller, of Wash-ington DC, to Miss Sophie Wise-man, daughter of Dr Alan Wiseman, of Fryerning, Essex, and Eve Bergman, of Knightsbridge.

## Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Francis Bacon, Viscount St Albans, Lord Chancellor 1618-21. London, 1561; Andre Marie Ampère, physicist, Lyons, 1775; George Gordon Byron, 6th Baron Strindberg, dramafist, Stockholm, 1849; D.W. Griffith, film director; Floydsfork, Kentucky, 1875; U Thant, Secretary-General of the UN 1961-71, Pantanaw, Burma,

DEATHS: William Paserson, financier and founder of the Bank of England, London, 1719, Giambathista Vico, philosopher, Naples, 1744; Charles Kean, actormanager, London, 1868; Sir Joseph Whitworth, industrialist and engineer, Monte Carlo, 1887; Carlo Pellegrini, the cartoonist (Ape), London, 1889; Queen Victoria, reigned 1837-1901, Osborne House, isle of Wight, 1901; James Bryce, Ist Viscount Bryce, historian and diplomat, Sidmouth, Devon, 1922; Walter Sickert, painter, Bath, 1942;

cricketer, 1978. "Bloody Sunday" in St Petersburg, when troops fired on workers, 1905. The Allied landings began in

nio, Texas, 1973; Herbert Sutcliffe,

Anzio, Italy, 1944 The UK, Irish Republic and Den-mark joined the Common Market.

# Lecture

Cardiff Business Club
The President of Cardiff Business
Club, Sir Idwal Pugh, and the
Lord-Lieutenant for South
Glamorgan, Captain N. Lloyd
Edwards, were present at the
Second Annual Sir Cennydd Traheme Memorial Lecture delivered by Lord Woolf, Master of the Rolls, at the National Museum and Galleries of Wales, on Mon-day night: Sir Tasker Walkins also spoke. Mr Brian K. Thomas, Chairman Cardiff Business Club can President 1963-69, San Anto- presided.

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BIRTHS

BEVAN-THOMAS - On lanuary 17th at The Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, to Rachol (nde Rycland) and Tim, a son, Guy William. BROADSEMT - On 16th January 1997, in New York, to Indoo (née Sahm!) and Percegrine, a daughter, Sophie India Sahmi, a sister for Anna. CARSON - On January 14th at The Portland Rospital, to

DUDDRIDGE - On January 11th at The Portland Hospital, to Cherie and Jan, a beautiful first born son, Andrew Zaviez

KIDSON - On 21st Japuary, to Jacqueline and Robert, a daughter, Lucinda Amy, a sister for Nicholas and

LYCETT - On January 15th 1997, to Cellna (née Srowne) and Anthony, a son, Nicholas William Piers, a brother for James. MARSHALL - On January 17th at The Portland Hospital, to Emma (nee Bigland) and

MEFARLANE - On 15th langary 1997, to Alisdair and Elizabeth, a daughter, Lucke Caroline.

MIMBLY BROUGHTON - On 19th January 1997 at Pembury Hospital, Tunbridge Wells, to Sarah and Graham, a son, James PLUMBLY BROUGHTON

PRATT - On 12th January 1997, to Easten (née Feroza) and Ward, a daughter, fielens Laura, a sister for Isabelle and Sebastian.

RELEY - On Japuary 15th at Queen Charlotte's, to Helenz (noe Crill) and Patrick, twin

STEWART - On January 12th at The Portland Hospital, to Paul and Victoria, a son, Lucas Steele weighing 8the TAYLOR - On 18th December 1996, to julia (née Charles) and Jumes, a beautiful drophter, imogen Katherine

MMCELER - On 21st January 1997 in Northern Virginia, USA, to Marthew and Sus (nés Madge), formerly of Folham, a daughter, Grace

DEATHS ANSON - Harrist Louise, died suddenly on January 17th 1997. Service at St Mary's Church, Bassford, on Monday January 27th at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only to Allen & Son. High Street, Mureton-in-Marsh.

ASHEKIAN - The Reverend Arshene died in Belrut peacefully after a short libres on Saturday 18th lanuary 1997 aged 93 years. Born in Zeitun, he was grantly loved by his family, many friends and congregation. Memorial Service on 2nd March Enquiries to Keith Howell-Joses on (0181) 398-4080.

COLLEY - On January 16th at Charlette (née Naylor) and Charlette (née Naylor) and Charlette (née Naylor) and Charlette (née Seevers) and Charl clo Co-operative Funera Services Ltd., Pultaney Road Bath, Somerset BA2 4HP. BILLINGE - On January 17th,

peacefully George Frederick, aged 88 years. Beloved husband of Pat. Enquiries to B.D. Tribe Ltd. (01903) 249913.

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BOSWORTH - Sybil Marian, peacefully on 20th January in her 84th year (formerly of Circacester) at Molessy Hospital Adorsd wife of Pathek, dearest mother-in-law of Geraldine and hoving guamy of Metthew, Timothy, Chairs and Eospana. Faneral service Tuesday 4th February at 12,45 pm at 5t Mary the Virgin, Rast Molessy, Flowers to F.W. Paine, 71 Walton Bond, East Molessy, Surrey, teh (0181) 979-5343.

BURTON - Christina, Passed away 14th January 1997 aged 66 years. Funeral Service Wednesday 29th January Holy Family Church, Addlestone, 10.15 am, tollowed by burial at Weybridge Cometery.

CHRYSTAL - jessie, late of Crowbortegh, peacefully in a nursing home in Tunbridge Wells on 11th January, agod 93. Service at 12 noon on 29th January at Tunbridge Wells Cromatorium. Tributes to Bysouth, Crowborough.

co pysouth, Growborough.

CULVERHOUSE - On january
17th Peacefully, Enymond
Emerson Culverhouse.
Funeral Service private, no
flowers by request, but
donations to Imperial
Canour Research Fund, clo
j.H. Ecnyon Funeral
Directors, 49 Marions Road,
Kensington W8 6LA tel:
(0171) 937-0757. Memorial
Service to be held at St
Michaels Church, Chester
Square SWI on Tuesday
March I am.
600DE - John Regil CEF

march 14th at 11 am.
GOODE - John Basil, OBE, Freeman of the City of London, late of the Barbican, City of London, passed away passestily at Alveston Leys Nursing Home, Stratford-spon-Avon, on January 19th. Rushand of the late Boanca (Nell) and father of Limner, Enquiries to AE Bennart & Sons Funeral Directors, tak (01789) 267035.

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DAVID - Dr. William Anker
Lewis, D.Phil. M.A. suddenly
at home in Cambridge on
January 18th, 1997, aged 82.
Much loved by his hamily
and friends. Research
Entomologiat first at the
London School of Hygiene
and Tropical Medicine, then
the Agricultural Research
Council Unit of Insect
Physiology, Cambridge and
finally the Glasshouse Crops
Research
Littlehampton. Funeral
Service at St Mark's Church,
Newnham. Cambridge at
11.30 am, on 3rd February
1997. No flowers but
donations, it desired, to Age
Concern or Amnesty
International.

GRABHAM - On 18th lanuary
19th after a short illness.

International.

GRABHAM - On 18th January 1997 David Venton died peacafully at home, aged 62 years. Beloved husband and devoted father and grandfather. The funeral service takes place at St Mary's Chunch, Slaugham on Monday 27th January at 2pm followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please but donations for the Intensive Home Nursing Service may be sent the freeman Brothers, 9 North Farade, Horsbam, North Parade, Horsbam, West Sussex.

West Sussex.

GRAFF - Paul, President and Chairman of the Elosterfrau Group, pussed away on January 14th. With deep respect we take our leave of a man who supremely and with exceptional success directed the fortunes of the Elosterfrau Group for nearly 45 years. With an entrepreneurial instinct, heart, initiative, a high degree of personal commitment and, not least of all, a lucky touch, he guided the companies entrasted to him to international success. Apart from his family all his energies and lowing care were for his enterprise and its employees. A great person, a gifted businessman and a reliable, fatherly friend has gone from us. His enample will ensure we continue his life's work. Memorial service in Cologue on 22nd january.

GREEN - Mary (Mary Bosman)

Coloque on 22nd January.

GRIEGN - Mary (Many Bosman)

of St Georges Retreat.

Burgess Hill, died on Schoday
January 19th, 1997, sped 82
years. Pomeral Service on
Friday January 24th at
10:30am in the Church of
Our Lady and English
Martyrs, Rills Road,
Cambridge, followed by
Interment at St Giles
Cametery, Hwatingdon Boad,
Family flowers only, but if
desired, donations made
payable to CAFOD or The
Woodland Trust, may be sent
to Cambridge Funeral
Services, 617 Newmarket
Boad, Cambridge, tels
(01223) 415255.

GRIGGS - Humphrey GRIGGS - Humphrey
Robertson, on 18th January
aged 89 at Cheitenham
General Hospital, after a
short illness, late of
Montpelliet Spa Road,
Cheitenham Loved and
missed by his friends.
Funeral at 9.30 am on
Monday 27th January at
Cheitenham Crematorium.
Donations if desired to the

Fund.

MANSPHID COOPER - On 17th January 1997, passed peacefully away in Hinchingbrooke Hospital Huntingdon, Lady Mabel, aged 93 years, wife of the late Sir William Mansfield Cooper. The funeral service will take place at Cambridge Crematorium, the New West Chapel on Tauraday 30th January at 1,30 pm. Donastions for The Mansfillen Hinchingbrooke Cancer Care Appeal may be sent clo William Peacock & Soas, Orchard Lans, Huntingdon, Cambs. PE18 6QU.

MASON - Ronald Charles Cheltenham Crematorium.
Donalions if desired to the
ESPB c/o Davis Gregory
Solicitors, 25 Bothey Road,
Cheltenham, GL50 IHZ.

MELHUSH - Douglas Richard, suddenly at home, on 16th January, aged 87. Much lowed father of Gordon and grandfather of Daniel and the late Nicola, lumband of the late Mary (Molly). Funeral, Wednesday January 29th, 1.30 pm at Robin Hood Crepatorium. Birmincham 27th, 130 pm at Robin Hood Creustocium, Birmingham.

METSON - Una Irone peacefully on 16th January aged 88 years after a series of Illnesses, wife of the late Gilbert H. Metson, beloved mother of Gillian and Andria and dear grandsouther of William and James. Funetni 29th January 3 pm at Garston Creunatoritus, Wanford Family Howers only but donations if desired to Worldwide Fund for Nature c/o Phillips Funetni Directors, tel: (01727) 851006.

MILLIGAN - Keith Jardine.

Mary peacefully on jameny 19th after a short illness. Fanoral Service private Bembridge, Isle of Wight, 27th January. Flowers, Weaver Bros., Isle of Wight, tek (01983) 872598. rel: (01983) 872598.

JOHES - Dr. Rarold Whitmore peacefully on 10th jemmary at Queenscourt Residential Home, Chaster. Formerly Reader in the history of science at Bradford University. Beloved bushand of the late Eveline Jones and Johnst, Pameral Friday 24th January, service at All Salms Church, Boole, Chester at 11am. Ecquides to Dutton & Hallmark, 80 Faulkner Street, Hoole, Chester, tel: (01242) 310766.

KEILS, Dr. Gordon Manner

KELLS - Dr. Gordon Henry George Kells MB ES Junior died suddenly on 30th December 1996. Funeral Service took place in Galway, Iraland. Memorial Service will take place at the Brompton Oratory, Knightshridge, at 11 cm 8th February 1997. Sadly missed by family and friends.

KEMSLEY Penelope, peacefully on lanuary 18th. Much loved aunt of Julia and Clark. Funeral at Freeting on Tuesday lanuary 28th at 3 pm. Enquiries to B.F. Mullery & Son, (01708) 220330.

MASON - Ronald Charles Frederick, on 16th January 1997 in hospital, Faperal Service at All Socis Church, Laugham Place, W1, Tuesday 28th January at 11 am. Family Rowers only please, donations to the Actors Benevolent Fund. Enquiries to JE. Kenyon Ltd. (0171) 937-0757.

Directors, fel: (01727)
851066.
Milligan - Keith Jardine,
dearest husband of Diana
and much loved father of
Ann and Tony, peacefully in
hospital, following
extensive surgery, on 18th
January 1997, aged 81.
Funeral at St Bartholomew's
Church, Tardebigge,
Homegowe, at 2.15 pm on
Friday January 24th, Family
flowers only Donations for
St Bartholomew's Church
may be stant to James Gles.
Funeral Directors, 24
Stourbridge Boad,
Bromsgrove, 861 DAE.
MORRIS - Dom Augustine
Morris, O.S.B., born 1905,
died 20th January 1997.
Mank of Persbore 1923-26,
Nashdom Abbey 1924-87
and Elmore Abbey 1926-87
and Elmore Abbey 1987-97.
Abbot of Nashdom 1948-74
Deacon 1936 and priest
1937-75 funeral Mass at
Elmore Abbey 11 am
Toscoky 28th January 1997.
May be rest in Peace and rise
in Glory, Comtent to be God's
friend.
MilRGOTT - Stephen Snow.
13th January, aged 96. MURGOTT - Stephen Snow.

KEMSLEY Peaclope, peacefully on lammary 18th. Multic loved sum of juits and Clare. Funeral at Fryering on Toesday January 28th at 3 pm. Enquiries to B.F. Multery & Son. (01708) 220330.

MAHABDES - Group Captain Hamish Hahaddle on January 17th. 1997 in Chichester Grematorium, Friday, 24th January at 5 pm. No flowers please but densitions to RAF Penevolent Fund.

MANESPELD COOPER - On 17th January 1997, passed peacefully away in Hischingbrooks Hospitial Huntingdon, Lady Mahel. aged 93 years, wife of the lare Sir William Mansfield Cooper. The funeral savice will take place at Cambridge 188.

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GREESH - Christopher John, 45 years, peacefully at home on 19th January 1997 following a countgeous 10 month fight against cancer. Beloved husband of Tricia, edured father of Emily, Katle, Thomas and Alice, much loved som of Pamela and Gar, and truly respected brother of Rigel, Helen, John and Liz. Frivate family funeral at Woking Crematorium on 30th January at 2 pm. Thanksgiving Service to be notified. Flowers and/or Marie Curie Cancer Care. Funeral arrangements by f. Harrison and Son, Egham, (01784) 432163.

PEARE - Gordon Oliver, died pescafully on January 18th 1997, After a short Uness, Darting handsand of Shells and much lowed and loving father of Youy and Mickeel and gamdya. Funeral Service will be held at 1245 pm on Friday January 24th at Kemore Church Thesesfus to Perth Crematorium. Family Howers only plants. Donations to Kemmore Church, if wished. PREMOREHITH - Suna Janet, died pescefully on January 19th at Askland Hospital Much lowed mether of Edward.

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REED - Winifred Enid Fandon
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peacefully on January 17th.
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grandmother and greatgrandmother. Funeral
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TORROW - Peacefully on 17th January 1997. Dmitri Tornow, beloved husband of Doughty Tornow, much loved father of Susphen and Sally and loving grandfather of Michael and Estharine. Puneral Service at St Minister lightscopplian Chunch, Albert Drive, Giasgow, on Friday 24th January at 1 pin. Thereafter private committal. No flowers please. TOWNSEND -

TOWNSEND - Maurice Stratton, Pascetally at home after a short Elmes on 16th January in his 90th year. Much loved husband to Nora, father to David, Lindia and Paul, genetischer sud graat-pandtather. Formerly of Townsends Boat Builders of Bourse had. Founder of Bristow & Townsend of High Wycombe and Townsends Furnishers Bourze End. Backs. Family cremation of The California Constantum Amerikam and followed by a Memodal Service at %; John the Baptist Church, Little Missanden at 215 pm on Wednesday 29th January. Family Howers only, donations if deathed to The Imperial Cancer Bessarch Fund. etc. G. Smith (Woobura) Ltd. Funeral Brectors Woobura Creen Bucks. HP10 OEE 01628 523566.

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# **DENNIS MAIN WILSON**

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-s the producer of such landmark programmes as The Goon Show. Hanmck's Half-Hour and Till Death Us Do Part, Dennis Main Wilson created a standard for radio and television comedy which has never been surpassed. He strongly be-lieved that you can never teach people how to write comedy. It's a gift, and the most that a producer can do is create the right atmosphere, a corporate greenhouse in which genuine talent can flourish." This was a selfeffacing account of his contributton.

Among those whose talents he nurtured were such writers as Spike Milligan, Ray Galton. and Alan Simpson, Marty Feldman and Johnny Speight, as well as some of the greatest comedy performers of our time - Tony Hancock, Kenneth Williams, Harry Secombe, Peter Sellers, Jimmy Edwards, Warren Mitchell, Dandy Nichols and Una Stubbs.

For most of his professional life he worked for the BBC, and he had no doubts about its place in British society: "It should never be a guardian of public morals, nor does it exist to patronise its licence-payers from an imaginary great height. It should be the nation. speaking to itself." His own productions always had a sharp connection with social and political reality.

He was born in Dulwich,

the son of an engineer, and won a scholarship to a grammar school in Lewisham. After a period as a wartime evacuee in Tunbridge Wells, where he developed a talent for languages, he briefly joined the BBC's European Service at the age of 17, knowing that he would soon be conscripted into the Armed Forces. His temporary radio work lasted for a year, and as a production assistant he joined a unit making satirical propaganda programmes, including a comedy series in German. located in Bavaria. This was

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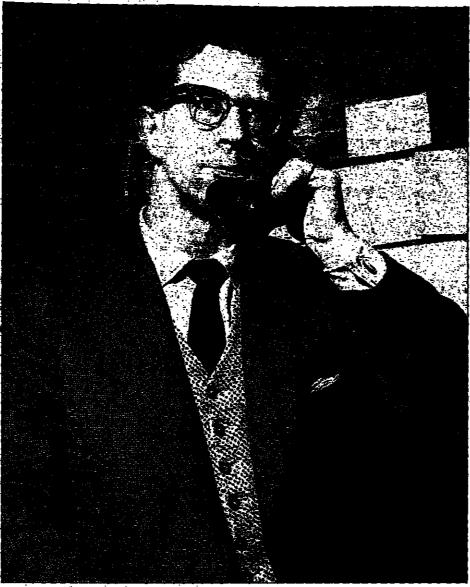
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In 1942 he was conscripted into the Royal Armoured Corps and a few months later, after a successful War Office selection board, he went to Sandhurst and was commissioned into the Armoured Cavalry. He served in North Western Europe after the Normandy landings, and in 1945 was seconded to the Control

Commission for Germany. There he became head of light entertainment for Nordwestdeutscher Rundfunk, based in Hamburg, whose Controller was Hugh Carleton

He stayed there, still in the Army, until 1947, developed his talent for liberated comedy. real alternative comedy," he and, surprisingly, made his any form was always, for contribution to radio was his

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After his demobilisation at

the age of 23 he joined the permanent staff of the BBC in the radio variety department, where his first assignment was to find new talent. Most of those he discovered were inevitably ex-servicemen. He auditioned Bob Monkhouse, admired Peter Sellers at the Windmill Theatre, met Tony Hancock at the Nuffield Forces Centre, and at Jimmy Grafton's pub he was introduced to the Goon gang. He started Opportunity Knocks with Hughie Green, and launched the George Mitchell

passion for new writers and artists and his ability to reflect their talents in programmes that were both popular and revolutionary.

The first episode of The Goon Show was transmitted in May 1981 and the opening series ran for 17 episodes. A provocative series, full of fun. satire, and fantasy, it was accepted after many bureaucratic wrangles, a situation with which Dennis Main Wilson soon became familiar. It perfectly reflected his ability as a producer to combine the talents of authors and performers, and to express them creatively by the imaginative use of the latest broadcasting

techniques. edy where the only energy is cial censorship. Censorship to Glee Club. But his main importance of the scriptwriter - The Goon Show awed much

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to the writing of Spike Milligan — was again shown in 1954 by Hancock's Half Hour, written by Ray Galton and Alan Simpson, who were then in their early twenties. As with The Goon Show he effectively combined the skills of the writers with those of his carefully chosen artists -Tony Hancock, Sid James, Hattie Jacques, Bill Kerr and Kenneth Williams. Hancock's

Half Hour, of which he pro-

duced 68 episodes, remains a

landmark in the history of

radio comedy. In 1957 he moved to television as a producer of light entertainment. For the next few years his work was consistent and professional rather than outstanding, and it included programmes of pop music. The Rag Trade. The Dick Emery Show and a series

"storyline spectaculars" starring Terry Scott, which he later regarded as "the launchpad of my television career". It was a career that reached its peak in 1966, when the first episode of Till Death Us Do

Part was transmitted. Like so much of Dennis Main Wilson's best work it combined a deep respect for tradition with a passion for originality, and once again he formed a creative partnership with the author, in this case Johnny Speight. They had much in common, and especially their belief that comedy should be realistic, satirical and full of serious social comment, producing in the audience both anger and laughter.

Speight, born and brought up in East London's dock-lands, had personal know-ledge of "Alf Garnett" and all the fierce prejudices that he represented, and in Dennis Main Wilson he found the producer who gave him all the support he needed. Together they fought hard against the hostility which greeted them. in political circles, in the campaign led by Mary Whitehouse, in viewers' corr

espondence, and within the BBC itself - though they were greatly helped by the liberal atmosphere created in the 1960s by Sir Hugh Greene as Director-General

The comedy had an unas-sailable core of truth; part of the audience recognised itself in Alf Garnett and his family. It was soon to be the most country. Garnett, so well played by Warren Mitchell, reflected all the prejudices that his author and producer deeply disliked, and the reality of his domestic existence forced the public to think seriously about itself in a way that had rarely been achieved in serious documentaries or programmes of political debate.

Till Death Us Do Part remained the peak of Dennis Main Wilson's career, though his later work maintained his high professional standards and continued to reflect his conviction that the best comedy was always a serious comment on the world in which we live. He produced another series by Johnny Speight, six Surrealist Fantasies by Eric Sykes, and a series written jointly by Marty Feldman and Johnny Speight. He never lost his enthusiasm

for discovering new writers. He left the BBC's staff in 1983, mainly because he believed it was becoming too bureaucratic. Like most pro-ducers of his generation he worked in an age when the basic responsibility had been left in the hands of the creative producers. By the 1980s he thought that producers' freedom had become increasingly restricted

In 1983 he made a series for Channel 4, The Lady Is A Tramp by Johnny Speight, which he enjoyed, and he returned to radio to write a History of British Comedy for the BBC World Service. His last years were mainly devoted to writing an Encyclopaedia of British Popular Humour. He is survived by his wife Sylvia, a son and daughter.

IN HIS work on the prose writings of the 9th and 10th

centuries, James Cross made it finally impossible to think of the literary life of Anglo-Saxon England as being somehow divorced from the mainstream Latin-based medieval culture of the Continent. In particular, through his studies of the homilies of Aelfric, he demonstrated that Old English prose owed both its fluency and the range of its reference to Christian Latin authors from as early as St Augustine in the 5th century, and to Irish Christian authors of even ear-

lier date.

Professor James Cross.

scholar of Anglo-Saxon.

died on December 18 aged 76. He was born on

July 20, 1920.

Cross produced no single major study of Old English literature. Rather, his impact was ihrough a steady stream of articles which progressively illuminated the recesses of his subject. In this process, students at Liverpool University. where he was Baines Professor of English Language from 1965 to 1985, were much the gainers. His tenure of the chair transformed Anglo-Sax-on studies at Liverpool University, where his infectious enthusiasm and honesty were evident not only in his commitment to Anglo-Saxon studies, but also to Old Norse and the Middle English period, on all of which he lectured

memorably. Cross's reputation was aninternational one. Even after his retirement his output of scholarly articles remained undiminished. Only last year a symposium was held in his honour at the University of Michigan.

James Cross was born in Gloucestershire, in the Forest of Dean. He was educated at East Dean Grammar School, Cinderford, and Bristol University, where he edited the student magazine. War interrupted his studies and he was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Royal Field Artillery. He served in North Africa and the Normandy campaign, during which he was wounded when a mine

PROFESSOR JAMES CROSS

exploded under his Jeep. He was out of action for six months but was able to return to service before the end of the war. On demobilisation he returned to Bristol and graduated with a first in English in 1946. He next took a diploma



in education, also at Bristol. But his first academic appointment was in Sweden, at Lund University, where he was English lektor from 1947 to 1949. He was to retain his links with Sweden (as well as with Norway and Finland) for the remainder of his life, and in 1962 Lund conferred a doctorate on him for his collected works in the field, published as Latin Themes in Old English Poetry. In 1949 he returned to

Bristol as a lecturer, and was subsequently made Reader. In 1965 he was appointed to the Baines Chair at Liverpool. where he was to spend the rest of his academic life. His early work had concentrated on Anglo-Saxon poetry and the influences on it. But it was the great age of Anglo-Saxon prose that was eventually to dominate his concerns. He was an authority on the influences on the 9th-century Old English Martyrology; he illuminated the sources of the homilies of Aelfric he was widely read in the Latin texts that had preceded them and could demonstrate some of the less-suspected influences, such as those of the Latin authors of the Ireland of the Dark Ages.

Cross published ten books and nearly a hundred papers, It was his nature to want to get the results of his researches into print as soon as possible rather than to wait for them to gestate to become a magnum opus. This made him an exciting head of department. since the results of his researches were always immedlately available to fertilise thought on the subject. There was very much a work-inprogress quality about his output, and this was highly stimulating to those around

His 65th birthday was marked by the production of a festschrift by scholars from Britain, the Continent and the United States, where by that time he had acquired an immense reputation. Retirement from the Baines Chair saw no diminution in his output. Among his "retirement" projects were (in col-laboration with Tom Hill at Cornell) Solomon and Saturn and Adrian and Ritheus, annotated collections of Anglo-Saxon lure; the Copenhagen Wulfstan Collection (with Jennifer Tunbergj for the Early English Manuscripts in Facsimile series: the Americanbased Sources for Anglo-Saxon Literary Culture and the British-based Fontes Anelo-Saxonici, as well as a continuing flood of papers. A month before his death he had published two more editions of Old English texts and he had further editing projects in the pipeline.

James Cross is survived by his wife Joyce, who was a great support to him in all his work, and by a son and a

## **ILLTYD JAMES**

Illtyd James, general and neurological surgeon and teacher, died on December 22 aged 96. He was born on July 7, 1900.

IN THE course of his long sociation with the Middlesex Hospital and its medical school, Ilityd James established a lasting reputation both as a skilled and meticulous surgeon, and as a dedicated and demanding teacher. His surgical interests and expertise were wide, and he had an enormous appetite for work. Although he suffered all his life from asthma, he refused to allow this to limit his daunting workload. He liked to to claim that the air of the operating theatre suited him better than that anywhere

else. Thomas Geraint Illtyd James was born in Barry. South Wales, and educated at the local county grammar school. He won a scholarship to University College, Cardiff. and was one of the first students to enter the new Welsh National School of Medicine.

Gaining several prizes and taking a BSc on the way, he obtained his medical degree with distinction in 1924. After two years at Cardiff Royal Infirmary he moved London and in 1928 added the Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons of England to the FRCS of Edinburgh that he had obtained a year earlier.

In 1928 he was appointed as a resident medical officer to was the first surgeon appoint-ed by the Middlesex County Central Middlesex.

experience in the developing and exciting field of neurosur-

take leave of absence for a year to be assistant to Sir Hugh Cairns at the London Hospital. The terms under which this permission was granted were not generous. He was required to pay half the salary of his locum and made to sign a promise to return to his post at the end of one year exactly. After his return in 1936 he

quickly made a name for

himself as a surgeon both in

neurological and general surgery. At that time it was possible to maintain a very broad base in surgical practice, and Illtyd James retained his interest and expertise in gastro-enterology and in the surgery of the thyroid gland. At the outbreak of war in 1939 he was enrolled by the Emergency Medical Services as a neurosurgeon attached to

Park Royal Hospital in northwest London and in 1935 he Council to this same hospital, now with its new name of the

Here he was to work with great distinction for the rest of his professional life. Almost immediately on taking up his duties he decided to gain

medical students from the medical school. After the war clinical teachgery and was permitted to ing at the Central Middlesex

became an established and prized part of the curriculum and James played a major role in the negotiations with the Middlesex Hospital Medical School to bring this about Later this was to be followed by the establishment of rotating training programmes for postgraduate doctors in all

specialities. He soon began to establish a reputation as a teacher of undergraduates and as a superb trainer of surgeons. He served on the academic board of the Middlesex Hospital Medical School and was appointed to the Court of Examiners of the Royal College of

Surgeons of England.

He developed his department of neurosurgery with characteristic energy and, with the appointment of a second full-time neurosurgeon, the late lain Roberts, it hecame a regional neurosurgical centre for the North West Thames Region. This centre continued to flourish for nearly twenty years after his retirement in 1905 and was then transferred as a complete unit to Charing Cross Hospital, where it remains.

During his long retirement he had no difficulty in occupying his active, inquiring mind and his skilled hands. He was an ardent gardener both at his home in Ealing and his cottage in Hertfordshire. He continued to cultivate his lifelong interest in classical literature and Welsh culture. He taught himself to read Russian and became an expert miniature oainter.

After his wife Dorothy died in 1993 he continued to live at his Ealing home, looking after himself completely. He is survived by his son Peter, a histopathologist at Nottingham University Hospital.

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when, together with Sir Francis Avery Jones and the late Dr Horace Joules, he began to

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almost overnight on the publication of his Eminent Victorians with its sharply drawn portraits of Florence Nightingale, Dr Arnold. Headmaster of Rugby, General Gordon and Cardinal Manning.

all her claims to respect except that she worked very hard and lived a long time. There were others who withheld their judgment, observing that Mr. Strackey had at least drawn a credible portrait of a real, live developing character, not a State portrait of a crowned dummy; that he had purified his style of some obvious tricks of smartness, and - most interesting of all - that the farther he went in the story of Queen the farther he went in the story of Queen Victoria's life, the nearer he came to revealing, not the conventional admiration for a wery able and interesting woman. His portraits of Lord Melhourne, of the Prince Consort, of Disraeli, showed not only insight and imagination but romanee. About such a man, who could "criticise like an

18th-century rationalist and admire like a 19thconvexitury rauonansi and admire like a 19th-century romantic", there were clearly very great possibilities; and, whatever its inaccuracies, superficial or profound, might have been, the Life of Queen Victoria came on further acquaintance to look like the herold of a new and very good sort of biography. It was a well-formed, and well-written pagestias based on indictions admired written narrative, based on judicious selection from all the available authorities, but reading

"like a novel". His next biographical study on anything like the same scale was "Elizabeth of Essex", published in 1928. The romantic was even clearer in this than in the previous books, and the mocker not nearly so clear. The portrait of Elizabeth is frankly the author's own reading of the facts, and even less than the Victoria a dictation; and the portrait of Essex ower still more to his scheme of claborating the only sort of character which would fit the recorded facts. The results, in these two, in Bacon, in Philip of Spain and others, may not (could not, indeed) be the whole truth: but they make up a vivid narrative in which there is no historical falsification and a great deal of

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age of St. He had been ill with an internal mulady since last November.

Giles Lytton Strachey was born on March 1, 1880, the fourth son of Lieuenani-General Sir Richard Strachey, who had a brilliam cureer in India. His mother, a daughter of Sir John Peter Grant, of Rothiemurchus, the friend of "Clemency" Carning, had much literary taste and citted the delightful "Memoirs of a Highland Lady." He was educated privately and at Trinity College, Cambridge, but his degree of LL. D came from Edinburgh.

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and satirical regue, who dared to make fun in a cold, witty, heartless manner of heroism in general and of the Victorian kinds of it in

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# Where £1 million is not enough

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"superwoman" suspended by Morgan
Grenfell is hoping to
move from her £1.25 million home in Kensington to a new £3 million house in The Little Boltons, Chelsea. Her existing home is too small. she says, and her youngest child Anionia has to sleep in the drawing

Therein lies a truth about the top end of London's housing market large family houses in the centre of town have gone through the El

million mark.
The Norland nanny, Gucci-clad, Range Rover-driving brigade want low-built, five or six-bedroom freehold houses with private gardens, easy access to communal gardens, garages, good security and staff accommodation in Chelsea, Knightsbridge, Belgravia, Ken-sington, Hampstead, St John's Wood or Notting Hill Gate, They can now expect to pay a minimum of around £1.5 million for their des.

"This has only just happened." says Anthony Lassman, a long-time specialist in the so-called unreal market of super-expensive houses. "In the boom years of 1983 and 1984, buyers with El million to spend could expect to find a very good family house in these areas. By the late 1980s, the best houses started to cost a bit more. Then prices fell back, and it was not until last year that they rose again significantly. Now prices have surpassed those of the late 1980s because demand has outstripped supply. You can expect to pay anything from £2.75 million to £5

Knight Frank's latest figures show that prime London prices rose by 17.6 per cent last year.

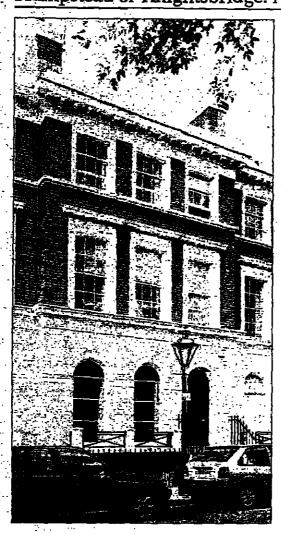
"People with £1 million in the bank imagine it will buy them a home of palatial proportions in the perfect location," says Willie Gething of the buying agents Property Vision. "It comes as a bit of a shock when they discover the truth. What they want and what they can get are no longer the same

Mr Gething says that prices have been forced over the million mark because London has become the financial capital of Europe. "The city's international appeal is tremendous," he says. Foreign buyers compete and win against their British counterparts. While France and Germany struggle with recession and high taxes, London is on

the cover of Newsweek

Knight Frank estimates that a third of its sales are now made to European buyers, compared with 13 per cent a year ago. British buyers account for just 38 per cent

Until recently, a seven-figure sum would secure almost any property you desired, even in the exclusive avenues of Chelsea. Hampstead or Knightsbridge. Not any more, says Rachel Kelly



Almost suitable: You might assume that for almost a million (£985,000), 11 St James's Gardenswould qualify as the perfect London family house. But the cognoscenti might reject its lack of a communal garden at the back (guaranteeing security and the right kind of neighbours), and the fact that it is on the periphery of ultra-smart London. It may be close to Notting Hill, but does not lie within the "golden triangle" of top metropolitan addresses.



Eminently suitable: Also for sale through John D. Wood, 54 Lansdowne Road is in the exclusive nexus of streets to the west of Ladbroke Grove in Notting Hill, west London. It satisfies all the "musthave" requirements of the very rich: a communal garden accessible from the back of the house, where Norland nannies can swap details of their pay cheques; plus the period features, including high ceilings, demanded by top bankers for their corporate entertaining. The price? E1.3 million.

ernment's estimates. "The latest evidence of continued

growth in private rented hous-

ing and home ownership

shows that we are right to

provide social housing at the lower end of our range of

The Government estimates

that it will be building 43,000

new homes a year by the end

of the decade. "In previous

years far more than 60,000

new lettings were built - so by

the end of the decade the Government's target will have

been met," a spokesman for

the Department of the Envi-

ronment says. "Besides the £2.5 billion provided by the

Government for housing asso-

ciations, we will be expecting

nearly £2 billion in private

finance for social lettings. And

since the Budget, local authori-

ties are able to use 25 per cent

of receipts from the sale of

council houses to reinvest in

Challenge Fund, which helps

to meet the cost of transferring

council houses to new land-

lords. It was announced in the

Budget that the fund would

receive an extra £70 million in

But experts dismiss the Gov-

ernment's figures. "The target

which was set was based on

performance over the past ten

years," Mr Perry says. "To go

back to earlier figures and

take them into account is

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south of the river or out of the centre," says Mr Gething. David Forbes, from the agents Chesterfield, agrees that the rich now have to consider what was once thought

of as "tiger country".

"Day after day I get requests for a five-bedroom family house with a garden and off street parking in a prime location with a price tag of £1 million," he says. "Well, the two are incompatible. You must either find more to spend or consider Wands-

The heart of central London is This is essentially a City phenom- asking prices, neither is quite right Bombay."

being taken over by the richest of American and European investment bankers who can muscle their way to the too deals. Other, more junior, bank employees are having to rent while they continue their search.

Adam Carey, from Friend & Falcke's Chelsea office, says: Whereas a typical family house in Paultons Square, Chelsea, would have cost £1,100 a week last year, now you would be looking at £1,300

enon led by the mergers and acquisitions boys, says Stephen Newbold, a partner with Knight Frank. "The City boom, plus an upturn in confidence, has mopped up much of the supply of freehold houses in Kensington and Chelsea.'

Buyers are picky. Take two houses, both for sale at around the million mark through John D. Wood: one in Carlyle Square, Chelsea; and one in St James's

for the discerning family buyer. Both are too small, one has no parking and the St James's house is perceived to be on the periphery of central London, especially by for-

eign buyers.
Or take the example of a house in Old Church Street, London SW3, on sale for £1.15 million through Chesterions Residential. The agents say it is on the small side for the perfect family home, and will sell as a top-flight "bachelor pad"

The boundaries acceptable for top London houses are precise, says Ian Homersham of John D. Wood. Buyers chiefly want to be in three areas: parts of Kensington, parts of Belgravia and parts of Chelsea. In Kensington, buyers want to live in Holland Villas Road or

Addison Road, two avenues of mainly detached, double-fronted Victorian houses with in-and-out drives to the west of Holland Park. where prices top £4 million. Houses with good private gardens backing on to communal gardens to the north of Holland Park start at £2.5 million; mid 19th-century to late 19th-century stucco-fronted houses on long leases in Phillimore Gardens and Essex Villas cost from £1.75 million to £3.5 million; and houses on or leading off Victoria Road to the south of Kensington High Street cost between 12 million and £3 million.

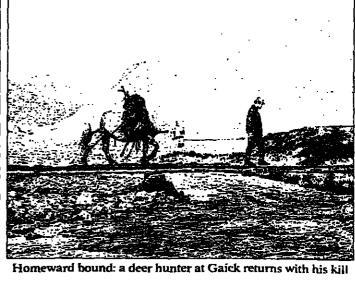
In Belgravia, houses are acceptable in Eaton Square. Wilton Crescent. Chester Square and Belgrave Square. In Chelsea. Cheyne Gardens, Cheyne Walk. Chelsea Park Gardens and Chelsea Square fit the bill, as do parts of the Boltons, Tregunter Road and Little Boltons.

In Hampstead, Church Row and Hampstead Square are the most sought-after addresses for Georgian period homes.

rices are precisely definedly, too. Jonathan Hewlett from Savills says that suitable family houses now start at \$1.25 million in Chelsea and £1.4 million in Knightsbridge.

Of course, the market for such properties is tiny. Land Registry figures show there were just 44 sales of houses valued at between £1 million and £1.25 million between July and September last year, and only ten sales of £2 million or above.

But the high price of houses in the centre of London ripples out-wards, raising the prices of houses in the suburbs and making those in the centre well nigh unaffordable. We may complain but, as Willie Gething concludes: "If you think that London is expensive, look at the prices for comparable proper-ties in Manhattan, Tokyo — or



# Luggage man is new monarch of the glen

ne of Scotland's pre-eminent sporting estates has been sold to the Vuitton family, founders of the French luggage empire, for more than

Gaick, at Glen Tromie in the Grampians, is best known for the paintings of the wildlife artist Archibald Thorburn, most notably his Sunrise over Gaick. Mr

Thorburn first visited the estate in 1889 and painted ptarmigan. grouse, golden eagles, hares and red deer there. Gaick Lodge, built in about 1820

and one of the oldest sporting properties in Scotland, lies at the heart of the 18.225 acre estate and is nine miles from the nearest neighbours, although there is a bothy attached to the back of the property and a stalker's house near by. The small town of Kingussie lies 14 miles away.

Xavier Vuitton is a keen sportsman who plans to run the estate the rugged landscape of which rises to just under 3,000 feet at its highest point — on traditional

"Gaick boasts an average of 97 stags and 175 hinds, as well as grouse and rough shooting, and trout and salmon fishing in the lochs and the River Tromie," says Alian Macpherson-Fletcher from agents Strutt & Parker, who sold the property.

"Keeping the estate going takes a lot of work - it could cost £60,000 to £80,000 a year to run. The only profits to be had are from selling venison to game dealers, or issuing

game licences." Passed over by the Duke of Gordon during the Highland Clearances in the 18th century was a favourite hunting ground of

Oueen Victoria, who often stayed there when she was visiting Balmoral.

For the past 100 years, visitors to the Lodge have carved their names in the dining room's pine panelling. Archibald Thorburn and another great 19th-century artist. Sir Edwin Landseer, have both left their marks.

Gaick has a past both illustrious and mysterious. After the catastrophic defeat of the 1745 Jacobite Rebellion at Culloden, the clans rallied 10 miles from Gaick, awaiting a further call to arms from Bonnie Prince Charlie. But the Prince had already fled.

far more sinister event, known in local folklore as Call Ghaig or "the Gaick catastrophe", occurred 55 years after Culloden. Mr Macpherson-Fletcher, whose own estate lies not far from Gaick, says: "In January 1800, an avalanche swept away the old lodge at Gaick during a deerstalking party led by Captain John Macpherson of Ballachroan - no relation to me - who was known as the black officer. When villagers went to investigate, they are said to have found the party frozen to death around a card table, even though the whole lodge had been

swept away.

They say they had been playing cards with the Devil, as Macpherson was known to bully people into joining the King's army."

More recently, the estate was run along traditional lines by four friends who owned it for the past 25 years. But they are in their seventies now, Mr Macpherson-Fletcher says, and felt it was time to pass it on to a younger generation.

AMANDA LOOSE

# Curbs on new building are a blow to the homeless

In her second article on homelessness, Rachel Kelly looks at the lack of funds for social housing.

r Brian Pease is normally mild in his comments. Yet when the Government announced its latest public housing cuts in last year's Budget, the chairman of the Housing Corporation, the organisation which funds low-cost homes, railed that the decision would have "devastating results for homeless people".

Without satisfying housing needs, it is difficult to see how government policies to improves people's health, minimise crime, meet children's educational needs and boost employment prospects can succeed," Sir Brian said.

Yet because public housing is neither a hot political issue nor a hot media issue - chiefly because most journalists own their own homes - his remarks went almost unreported. David Curry, in his three years as Housing Minister. has not faced a single opposition day debate on the matter. But Sir Brian is not alone. Other housing experts are also warning us that government

curs in public housing will have devastating results for homeless people this year. "We are to going to face a crisis in the number of people in temporary accommodation - which already stands at 43,000 families," says John Perry, the director of policy at the Chartered Institute of Housing. "We are building the lowest number of new homes since rebuilding started after the war. And the number of homes to be let to those on low incomes will fall short of the

Government's own targets." In last year's Budget, grants for social housing were cut from 51.06 billion in 1996-97 to £650 million for 1997-98. The Government also cut local authority repairs and renovation budgets by £250 million. This means the housing programme has taken a 30 per cent capital cut in real terms. by far the largest cut of any government programme. The National Housing Federation. which represents housing associations, says that the worst-



Lucky: housing association tenants the Higginses year this is expected to fall

FRANK HIGGINS, a fitter, lives with his wife Catalina and sons Frank Jr. eight, Andrew, four, and Paul, one, in a two-bedroom flat on the Rootes Estate near Ladbroke Grove in west London. The family's rent is subsidised by the Notting Hill Housing Trust, whose programme this year is likely to be 480 new housing units. Cuts mean that next

hit region will be the North.

which will lose 1.280 homes -

a 64 per cent cut in new social

housing. London will lose

7,000 homes.

to 250 units. "Frank and his family could be among the last lucky ones," says the trust's Eddie Concalves. "In future we may not be able to house families like the Higginses. And even they may not escape the cuts - if the family grows, associa-

have a home big enough for them. now seems to have abandoned even that target." Housing organisations claim that in fact, 100,000 new

tions such as ours may not

Analysts claim the cuts repyear to cope with growing resent an abandonment of the demand - especially from Government's stated target of single people.
Only last year the Environbuilding 60,000 new homes each year in order to meer ment Secretary, John Gummer, said that 4.4 million minimum housing needs. Jim Coulter, the chief executive of the NHF, says: "The

homes needed to be built in Britain during the next two decades. "in that context the Government has failed abysmally. Earlier this year, David Budget cuts make no sense at all," says Christine Laird, the Curry defended his minimum target to the Environmental Chartered Institute of Housing's chief executive. Select Committee against criti-Mr Curry defends the Govcism that it was too low. "He

illogical.
The cuts make it difficult to bring in new money. For every El cut from the public sector. we lose El from the private sector because we cannot underpin the value of housing The reality of cuts will hit homes need to be built every

the 11 million people who live in local authority housing. Council houses nationwide are rotting because of reduced maintenance and repair budgets, and the need for innercity regeneration means that politicians - and journalists - surely cannot ignore the pressing social housing problem for much longer.

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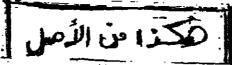
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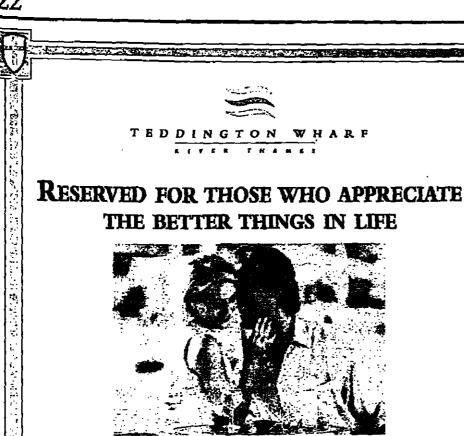
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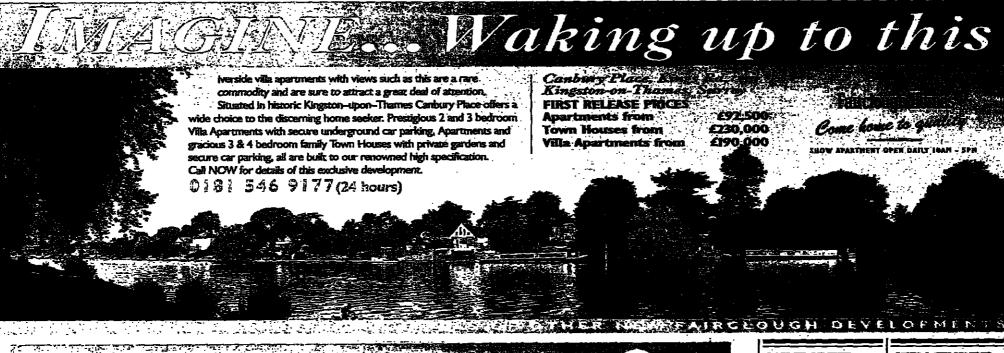


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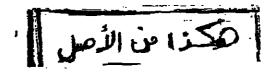
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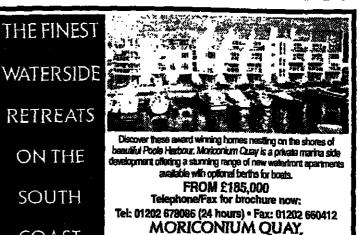
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## SIMON BARNES

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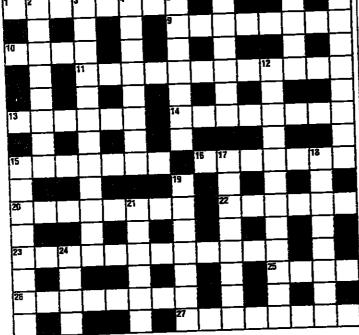
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- 22 Sketch again showing crimson and green (b).
- 23 Acts as moth at night turns up (5.2.5).
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- elopment within public space (12). 15 Man interrupts religious leader reading from the Bible (8).
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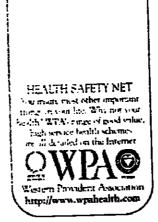
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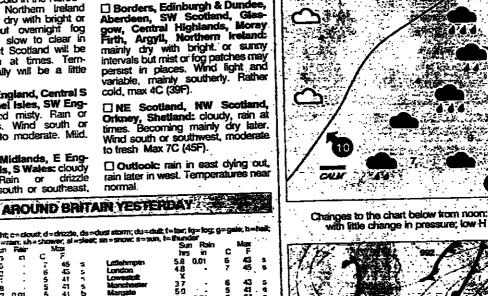
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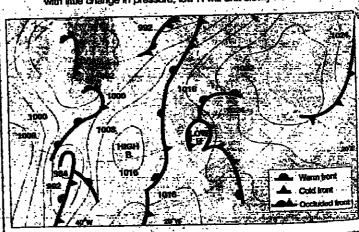
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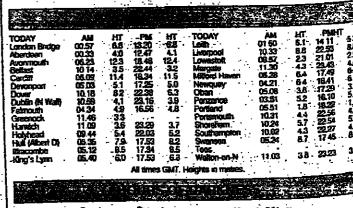
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# Pension chiefs face PIA grilling

BY MARIANNE CURPHEY INSURANCE

INSURANCE companies suspected of dragging their feet over the pensions mis-selling review are ries of secret meetings by the Personal Investment Authority (PIA).

The PIA's chief executive, Coletie Bowe, has decided to get tough with companies she believes to be the worst offenders and has warned them they must resolve most of their cases by the end of this year.

Among those on the list of interviewees are executives from Prudential. Pearl, Legal & General, TSB, and Co-operative Insurance, firms with the biggest backlog of cases. However, some industry

sources have predicted be outstanding "by the end of the century". The review was launched in 1994.

The meetings began last week and Ms Bowe and the PIA's chairman, Joe Palmer, met executives to the bulk of outstanding cases by December.

They discussed how the and what resources were being used to resolve the cases. Ms Bowe is believed to have told firms that if necessary they must don-ble the number of staff assigned to the review. Some bave 45 employees involved in researching claims for reinstatement

into occupational schemes. The PIA yesterday declined to comment. Pension companies were supposed to have completed reviews of all top priority cases by

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December 31 last year.
According to PIA figures, only 7,000 out of 58,000 priority cases and an estimated 1.5 million victims nationwide have received compensation.

In November the Securities and Investment Board announced a formula designed to enable compensation to be paid more quickly and reduced the questions an occupational cheme must answer from 200 to eight.

Insurance companies are waiting for clarification from the PIA on the shortened questionnaire. The PIA response is expected within a month.

On Monday it emerged that the Prodentialhad agreed to compensate some of the victims of pensions mis-selling at an estimated cost of £800,000, after reaching an agreement with the GMB union.

The bidders have been

nel rail link in 2003.



Ian Gibson on the Micra production line at Washington, Tyne & Wear, yesterday. His tough negotiating convinced the Japanese to invest in Britain

# CBI backs Clarke over base rates — for now

By PHILIP BASSETT AND JANET BUSH

The Confederation of British Industry said yesterday that the strong pound is hitting industry and exports, and that an interest rate rise is not justified for now. The Treasury seized on the

CBI's quarterly industrial trends survey to justify the Chancellor's decision, in the face of Bank of England advice. to leave base rates on hold. Michael Jack, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, said it was clear sterling's recent strength had helped to keep industry cost pressures very subdued.

the Chancellor is unrepentant continues to argue that the pound's strength is a powerful deflationary force. This directly contradicts the view expressed on Monday night by Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, that sterling did not directly affect the build-up of domestic demand and that rates should be

raised in any case. Ross Buckland, chief executive of Unigate and a member of the CBI's economic affairs committee, said that sterling's strength was beginning to feed through to manufacturers' ex-

His comments suggest that port orders: "We say tooking than 1,000 manufacturers, about last week's decision and interest rate increase is justified at the present time — but I stress at the present time."

CBI leaders accepted that the signals from its survey remained 'mixed', and did not resolve entirely the awkward choices facing the Government and Bank over monetary policy.

CBI analysts said: "With the output recovery expected to continue and manufacturers' cost and price pressures encouragingly weak, the deci-

at all the elements, that no accounting for around half the the survey said. sector's exports and jobs, showed that export demand the Chancellor were figures had levelled off for the first time for more than three years, largely because of sterling's appreciation.

At the time of the latest survey, sterling was more than 9 per cent higher than at the previous survey last October. "Companies are becoming concerned about the export outlook, and this is reflected in the fall in optimism about export prospects sion about raising interest and the rise in the proportion of companies reporting that the latest survey of more are a constraint on their and the rise in the proportion

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suggesting a sharp pick-up in price expectations, although City analysts noted that this probably relates to the fact that many manufacturers re-vise their list prices at the beginning of each year. A balance of 67 per cent of companies said that prices are now the factor most likely to limit export orders over the next four months. This figure - sharply up from 55 per cent three months ago — was last equalled in October 1989.

Separate figures published vesterday also provided some support for the Chancellor's stance on rates. They show tentative signs that demand for credit in the economy may have started to tail off. The latest figures from building societies showed that, while 1996 as a whole was a robust year for mortgage lending and confirmed that the recovery in the housing market was stronger than expected, mortgage demand appears to have weakened in December.

in addition, lending by British banks to the corporate sector was markedly weaker, and there was a surprising drop in the annual growth rate of M4 broad money supply. M4 fell 0.2 per cent in December, depressing its annual rate to 9.6 per cent, from 10.8 per cent previously.

# Nissan **UK** wins battle for jobs

By OLIVER AUGUST

NISSAN'S UK managers have won a £215 million battle vith their bosses in Japan and secured the creation of thousands of jobs in Britain.

An extra 800 workers will be employed at an existing plant in Sunderland to build a new Nissan model, a mid-sized family car. A further 2.700 jobs will be created at Nissan's supplier base in the area.

The new model has been planned for the last three years and will enter production in 2000. Nissan's head office originally wanted to build it in Japan.

But Ian Gibson, the UK chief executive, convinced Nissan, in "tough" negotiations, that Britain was the production place that would best serve Nissan's global aims. Eighty per cent of the Sunderland output is for export, mostly to Europe but also to Australia.

Within Europe, Britain was production place, he said. His words were echoed by Ian Lang, the President of the Board of Trade. He said: "This latest decision by Nissan marks a significant development in their presence in Europe and underlines the attractions of the UK as a

place to manufacture. Mr Gibson praised the productivity and efficiency of the present 4,100 Sunderland workers, who built 231,000 cars last year, as among the

highest in the world. New workers will be recruited in mid-1999 and will receive up to six months' training. Nissan received no Government aid to help to bring the new car to the UK.

The new Nissan will be in direct competition with the Ford Escort, the production of which is to be switched to Germany and Spain with a loss of 1,300 UK jobs.

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## Battle

Business leaders gave a guarded welcome to proposals from the ommission on Public Polic to improve the nation's competitiveness. Their response contrasted with the attacks on business figures on the commission by Michael Heseltine.

## Struggle

Somerfield, the supermarkets group that struggled through a difficult flotation last August, matched profit forecasts but still saw its shares fall.

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# Deutsche endorses Horlick ban

By Robert Miller, banking correspondent

THE heir apparent at Deutsche Bank, the owner of Morgan Grenfell, yesterday gave unequivocal backing to its subsidiary over the high-profile departure of Nicola Horlick.

Rolf Breuer, a main board director of Deutsche who will succeed Hilmar Kopper as head of the bank in May, said: The facts are clear. Mrs Horlick inflicted damage on the bank with her attempt to poach staff and then resigned." The Frankfurt-based director also sits on the board of Morgan Grenfell. Mrs Horlick, who was sus-

Bids now arriving at

pended from her job as head of before bonuses are finalised, Morgan Grenfell's £18 billion for whatever reason, forfeits UK pensions business last week, has denied that she

resigned her post. She said that she would fight for reinstatement or pursue a case for "constructive dismissal" and compensation. Morgan Grenfell insists that she has resigned and in doing so has given up her right to a 1996 bonus worth up to £500,000 and up to a further £2 million held in a deferred phantom option scheme avail-

able to senior directors. A spokesman said: "Any-one who has left the bank

for whatever reason, forfeits their right to that bonus payment. That is standard City practice."

After a meeting with her lawyers yesterday Mrs Horlick said: The chances of reinstatement seem slim." Morgan Grenfell is expected tomorrow to conclude its internal investigation into the alleged attempt by Mrs Horlick to poach staff and take

them with her to join ABN Amro, the Dutch bank. As part of its inquiry, con-ducted by the personnel de-partment, eight senior figures

Abbey's early

move in fight

for new savers ABBEY NATIONAL has thrown the first punch in the

battle for the estimated £20

billion to be released in to the

economy this year from the flotations of building societies

and life insurance companies

(Caroline Merrell writes). The bank has lifted savings

rates by up to 0.75 per cent to

woo millions of savers looking forward to payouts averaging £1,100 as the Halifax, Alliance & Leicester, Wooland former colleagues of Mrs Horlick at Morgan Grenfell have made statements to Fox Williams, the law firm acting for the fund management

Top City managers fre-

quently receive approaches or put out feelers themselves. Some four or five years ago it is understood that Mrs

Horlick broke off a family holiday in Ireland to meet Stephen Zimmerman, deputy chairman of Mercury Asset Management, her previous employer, who was on holiday in the south of

# Pennington, page 27

MILLWALL will be placed in issue, raising £6 million. administration today, becoming the first quoted football

costs, which will include pruning the 44-strong playing staff, and come to a deal with creditors, led by NatWest Bank.

tinue playing in the league.

Miliwall shares were sus-pended at 4p yesterday. It was only the second club to be floated, joining the Unlisted Securities Market in 1989. It has had a full listing since 1994. At its peak the club was

valued at £60 million.

A consortium led by Nigel Wray, which is planning to inject up to £15 million into Nottingham Forest, has told the directors that it is unhappy about the date set for a shareholders' meeting to approve the deal.

Forest is planning to hold the meeting on February 24. but the Wray document clearly states the offer will lapse on February 13.

The Wray team can extend Townsley & Co, Millwall's the offer, but it is threatening financial adviser, has said it is to pull out unless Forest willing to back a rescue share brings the date forward.

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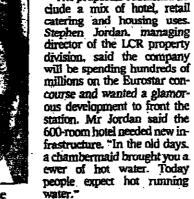
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## St Pancras Chambers By CARL MORITSHED PROPERTY developers and hoteliers are quewing up to bid for St Pancras Chambers, the vast neo-Gothic building fronting St Pancras station in London. Eight groups of developers, including Trevor Os-borne, former head of Speyhawk, Sir Rocco Forte, the hotelier, and British Land are proposing to restore the old Victorian lady on the Euston Road to her former

Forte: in the queue

shortlisted by London & Contiwas also the result of a nental Railways, the operator competition by a railway comof Eurostar, which is seeking a new role for the Grade I listed pany seeking a prestigious terminal hotel. The hotel building to coincide with the closed in 1935 and the grand opening of the Channel Tunstaircase and decorative ceilings made a glamorous home for British Rail offices until the Built as the Midland Grand Hotel between 1868 and 1873, 1960s when it failed to secure a the building was designed by Sir George Gilbert Scott and fire certificate.



Sir Rocco and Mr Osborne are joining forces in the Mid-land Hotel Group. Other bid-ders include Bouygues, the

French construction company; Lynton; and a consortium: including Sir Robert McAlpine and Whitbread. LCR intends to retain a

wich, Bristol & West. Northem Rock and Norwich Union convert. The biggest increases are bestowed on savers with a lot to invest and who keep it with the society for a long time. The Abbey saw big savings

outflows immediately after it took over the National & Provincial last year. Around £600 million was moved out as former N&P members long-term interest in the redeveloped St Pancras Chambers. ies offering higher interest.

# Millwall set for administration

By Jason Nissé

dub to collapse. David Buchler, an accountant who is also chairman of

Barnet Football Club, is to become the administrator of Millwall, which was relegated to the Nationwide Second Division in the summer and has £10 million of debts and is losing E3 million a year. Mr Buchler aims to cut

That will allow Millwall to come out of administration before the end of the season. Meanwhile, the club will conSales of personal equity plans and unit trusts proved a huge boost to General Accident's new business growth for 1996.

They added a further £33.6 million to single premium business during the year, compared with £3.3 million in 1995, bringing the total premium income to El.I billion. New annualised premium in-come rose 40 per cent to £184.4 million.

Pensions business also grew strongly, with new annualised premium in-come at £86.9 million, compared with £29.9 million the previous year. Total premium income for pensions was £453.4 million compared with £220.3 million in 1995,

☐ Friends Provident announced that its total new business last year more than doubled from E579 million to £1.2 billion.

New life, pensions and unit trust single premiums were up 68 per cent from £371 million to £625 mil-lion. New life, pensions and unit trust annual premiums were up 3.5 per cent from ESS million to

## BCI to buy

Blue Circle Industries, the cement and consumer products company, is negotiating the purchase of St Marys Cement Corporation (SMCC), a private Canadian company. for an

undisclosed sum. SMCC has a strong position in the Ontario market, including aggregates and concrete businesses. and a distribution network around the Great Lakes.

## Board moves

Compass Group, the contract catering company, is promoting Roger Mat-thews, 42, from group finance director to group managing director, while Andrew Lynch, 40, will replace Mr Matthews as group finance director.

## Daejan same

Daejan Holdings, the property company, is hold-ing the interim dividend at lop a share after reporting pre-tax profits little changed at £10.9 million (£10.4 million) for the six months to September 30.

# Guarded welcome by business for proposals on competition

By PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

BUSINESS leaders have cautiously welcomed proposals from key industrialists to improve Britain's competitiveness. Their response to the recommendations from the Commission on Public Policy and British business contrasted sharply with attacks on business figures on the commission by Michael Heseltine.

Deputy Prime Minister. Britain's main business bodies gave careful consideration to the commission's report. Promoting Prosperity. While they did not necessarily agree with all its analysis or

By OLIVER AUGUST

NYNEX CableComms, the

television and telephony oper-

ator, yesterday denied the £13 billion merger with Cable

and Wireless and Beli Cana-

da International has hit prob-

lems. John Killian, executive

president of its UK subsid-

ary, countered suggestions

that the deal had been arranged hastily, saying: "The

merger is not at all creating a

The newly merged com-

pany. which will dominate

cable operations in Britain. is

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ping to banking into every home via a fibre-optic net-

work. The deal was put to-

gether in a few weeks last

autumn. Offer documents will

be sent to the three com-

panies' shareholders in the

Mr Killian said: "When you

put three parent companies together it will be very com-

plex. There is a lot of complex-

ity. But I believe there are

benefits to consolidation in

his future career at Nynex but

said he wanted to remain with

Nynex rather than switch to

the merged C&W. According

to industry speculation he is

planning a move to America.

statistics and full-year results.

published yesterday, showed

fall in pre-tax losses from

£46.7 million to £5.6 million.

Total revenue increased by 78

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marketing and efficiency." He refused to be drawn on

problem within Nynex."

amination of it was in line with the view of Sir Ronnie Hampel, chairman of ICI and head of the Stock Exchange's inquiry into corporate governance, who said it was "a stimulating report worthy of wide debate".

Adair Turner, Director-General of the Confederation of British Industry, said the report was valuable and comprehensive although he emphasised that the CBI did not agree with all of its detailed recommendations. He said the study illustrated the high degree of con-

recommendations, their ex- sensus increasingly emerging as to the levers of national economic improvement. What was impressive about the report he said, was that it what it proposed. provided a definition of the

philosophy of that consensus. Business leaders were uneasy about the commission's recommendations for a minimum wage and ending Britain's opt-out from the social chapter. They were also divided about its proposal to join a single European currency.

Tim Melville-Ross, Director-General of the Institute of Directors, welcomed the com-

Nynex denies merger snags

mission's efforts in addressing the issue of competitiveness although he made it clear that he disagreed with much of

He rejected the commission's emphasis on the pervasiveness of short-termism in the corporate culture, but said there was something to be said for its proposal for clarifying directors duties in law. Sir Micheal Perry, chair-

man of Unilever, emphasised his own disagreements with some policy conclusions, but said the commission was right to underline the importance of

wealth generation. George Simpson, managing director of GEC and a commission member, said: "I firmly believe that we have to get the relationship between business and government right - who ever is in office."

Alec Reed, chairman of Reed, the personnel company. said at the launch conference that as a businessman he had been a Conservative voter for 15 years, but at the coming election would be supporting

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BOEING, the world's leading

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After three years of research Boeing said it would have had to spend \$7 billion to develop the superjumbo. As airlines, including British Airways, had failed to sign launch orders for the 747-X, the risk was deerned to be too great. Most of the 1,000 people working on the stretch programme will be switched to

new 767 and 777 models. Airbus, however, insisted it

\$15 billion. ☐ British Aerospace is investing E25 million at its Broughton factory near Chester, where it manufactures wings for Airbus. The investment will create 100 jobs and safeguard a further 60. It is likely a further £20 million

Pennington, page 27 | will be invested later.

# **Boeing** grounds stretch iumbo

By OLIVER AUGUST

aviation group, has halted plans for a new 550-seat

Instead of stretching the 747. Boeing will attempt to develop new long-range versions of its 767 and 777 twinjets, which are better suited to the aviation needs of the next century, the

group said. In the future there will be no dramatic increase in traffic from hub to hub, it said. want to go from their nearest airport directly to their final

Smaller aircraft with the range of a superjumbo will allow airlines to establish less frequented routes such as Manchester to Singapore and

will press ahead with plans to build a superjumbo, dubbed the A3-XX, by 2003. It will be capable of carrying up to 800 people and Airbus estimates the cost at \$7 billion. Analysts have expressed doubt that Airbus would be able to raise the funding necessary and they put the cost at closer to

## Nicholas Mearing-Smith, chief financial officer, left, and John Killian see few problems per cent to £151 million. blocks French move on Mid Kent

MID KENT Holdings, the water company serving parts of Kent and East Sussex, was celebrating victory after a hostile approach by its two French-owned neighbours. Saur and General Utilities. was blocked by the Department of Trude and Industry (Christine Buckley writes). lan Lang, the President of

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the findings of an inquiry by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission (MMC) into the proposed bid that found any merger would be against the public interest.

If successful, Mid Kent would have been divided between the two. Mr Lang said that the proposed bid had been stopped to maintain regulatory comparisons in the water industry.

He said that comparisons by the regulator between companies helped to put downward pressure on prices and

encourage efficiencies. The MMC had said that the regulator would lose such comparative methods with the takeover of Mid Kent by General Utilities, a division of Générale des Eaux and Saur. it also raised concerns that local competition would be

The French companies said that there was a compelling environmental and commercial rationale to their propos-

they were disappointed and

resources in the region.
The action by the DTI raises doubts about the chance of further takeovers in the water industry. Shares of Mid Kent dropped 622p to 5722p. The company is capitalised at about £100 million.

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# Treasury moves to cut PFI work costs

By Christine Buckley, industrial correspondent

THE GOVERNMENT yesterday moved to reduce the substantial legal and administrative costs to business of taking on Private Finance Initiative work. But the new guidelines for

the PFI, the Government's move to bring commercial cash into public infrastructure, still fall short of meeting industry's hopes for a stan-dard contract. The latest efforts to smooth the operation of PFI follow a joint drive to cut red tape launched last autumn by Kenneth Clarke, Chancellor of the Exchequer. and the Confederation of British Industry.

Yesterday Michael Jack, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, said the new measures to current period,

# Private home orders up 34%

A FURTHER spur was given to housing market optimists yesterday from Department of the Environment statistics showing private housing orders 34 per cent higher at the end of 1996, and recording its best year since 1989 (Christine Buckley writes).

Overall, the volume of new construction orders rose to their highest point for nearly a The jump in private housing

new orders was at odds with a sharp drop in public housing and housing association orders. 25 per cent lower in the latest quarter on record compared with the previous three months, and 16 per cent lower than the same period in 1995.

introduce more standardisation in contracts had been sculpted in response to "anecdotal" evidence from business that PFI was costing them more than previous methods of tendering for such work. Neither he nor the CBI could put a figure on the costs to business of PFI contracts. Mr Jack said: "We listen. We learn. We take action. PFI

is a revolution sweeping through the whole of the public sector. This latest guidance is another clear illustration that we will not sit back and admire the successs of last year." The Treasury said nearly £7.5 billion of deals had been done under the PFI, with a £14 billion target for the

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# Britannia suspends savings account

THE Britannia Building Society yesterday closed its most popular instant access account to new investors but denied the move was a prelude to a takeover or a decision to abandon its mutual status. The society, the sixth largest, said that account openings had been running at 10 times the normal rate, after speculation over its future. The Britannia has been seen as a likely candidate for a inerger, with societies such as the Bradford & Bingley tipped as possible partners.

John Haps, chief executive of the Britannia, said that the

society had no intention of following the Halifax and Woolwich building societies to the stock market. He said: We have said repeatedly, and I say again, Britannia will not convert and there is no windfall in prospect." The suspension of the Flexible Savings Account, which has an investing minimum of £500, comes a day after the Britannia revealed that it would be transferring its 100,000 current account holders to the Co-operative Bank.

# Panther pact over Edit

PANTHER SECURITIES, the firm aiming to oust the board of the Exmoor Dual Investment Trust (Edit) at an entraordinary meeting on February 3, has promised shareholders that it will vote for final dividends to be paid. Panther blocked the payment at an agm last year but wants shareholders to vote against the board's proposals to liquidate the fund. In a letter to shareholders Panther says Edit's record has been abysmal, achieving only a 3.3 per cent growth in net asset value in seven years.

# 600 Group shares fall

SHARES of 600 Group fell 55p to 143 p yesterday after the engineering group gave warning that full-year profits would fall short of City expectations. The company blamed weak demand for machine tools in the UK in the summer, which had continued into the final quarter. The effect was compounded by the high level of stocks built up in anticipation of the normal rise in activity in the second half of the year. The company said that although excess stocks have been reduced, demand was unlikely to recover until near year.

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# First reading for Bill

windfall payments from building societies is to get its first reading today. Douglas French, Conservative MP for Gloucester, wants to give statutory protection to those who have accounts held in trust, including the sick, the disabled, children and charities. Many such savers are at present being excluded from flotation or conversion windfalls. The legislation would not be retrospective, so the Woolwich, Alliance & Leicester and Halifax flotations would not be affected.

# Internet banking service

ROYAL Bank OF SCOTLAND is to provide a full Internet banking service to its customers from the spring.

The bank's online facilities will include access to statements from the previous six months, transfer of transaction details to personal finance software and electronic settlement of bills issued by 750 companies. Customers will also be able to view or change standing orders and direct debits and transfer money between Royal Bank accounts. ...

# Austin Reed sales rise

AUSTIN REED, the clothing retailer, enjoyed a 10 per cent jump in sales in the run-up to Christmas and said that margins on its women's wear have recovered after a setback in the division last year. The company said that its Chester Barrie menswear label performed particularly strongly in the US, but the Austin Reed wholesale business in mainland Europe continued to trade at depressed levels. It was still seeing a lack of consumer confidence and spending in key markets. The shares rose llp, to 2122 p.

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# **Barbour Index rises**

BARBOUR INDEX, the supplier of specialist informa-tion services, has increased the interim dividend by 5 per cent to 3.15p a share. The rise comes after Barbour achieved a 21 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £1.9 million. from £1.57 million: in the half year to October 31, on turnover that rose to £7.25 million, from £6.59 million. Earnings were 7.5p a share, from 6.2p last time. Net cash was unchanged at £4 million. Katherine Tickle has been appointed the company's managing director.

# Litten Tree pubs to grow

SURREY FREE INNS. the retail pub company, intends to open around ten new Litten Tree branded pubs a year. It is planning to open four further Litten Trees in the second half of the year, taking the total estate to 11. Tony Hill, managing director, said the company could fund the expansion plans from existing resources. In the half year to November 17 the company lifted pre-tax profits 72 per cent to £1.04 million. Overall turnover rose 19 per cent to £7 million. Earnings were 8.6p a share (6p). The interim dividend is 1.25p a share (1p).

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will not be lost on those currently

posturing and scoring cheap political points on Britain's eco-

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FROM TIM HAMES

IN WASHINGTON

ALAN GREENSPAN, the

Federal Reserve chair-

man, offered an upbeat

assessment of the US

economy in testimony to the Senate Budget Com-mittee yesterday, but hint-

ed that interest rates may

rise over coming months.

In reviewing the econo-

my's performance in 1996, Mr Greenspan noted that

a growth rate of 3 per cent

had been achieved without

igniting significant infla-tionary pressures. How

ever, he noted that the

crucial question now was

whether prospective slab-our market conditions.

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The tone of his remarks

suggested that he was far

from convinced that stable

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any rise seems likely to be modest in scale and to come after the March meeting of the Federal

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cribed the performance of the American stock market as "breathtaking", al-though he fell short of the implicit criticism of market trends that prompted a sharp if temporary down-turn across global finan-cial markets last Decemher. He also used the opportunity to strongly support the work of the Boskin Commission, which has argued that the Consumer Price Index significantly overstates the

Reserve.

# Nissan's economical little runner

cans said that they were pulling out of Merseyside as a vote of confidence for the first region British workers tend to be cheaper to sack than their contiand several voices speaking with strong Geordie accents were heard doing just that yesterday. Tempting, but wrong The Halewood-Sunderland divide nental counterparts. The cor-ollary is that they are more attractive to here in the first place, which helps to explain

Nissan's position.
The Japanese had three options. They could have stepped up production on their home nut, but this would have denied them entry to the single European market and whatever sort. of monetary union exists once

hiring starts in 1999.

They could have spent billions creating a new plant for their mid-market model elsewhere in Europe, but risk being left, in a few years, in the same position as Ford — forced to choose between the Comment and an existing British plant, except that Sunder-land would even then have been more attractive than Halewood. Or they could have geared up, at minimal expense, in the North East, safe in the knowledge that the costs of reversing that de-cision would be limited.

We are often told, and this line was on offer again yesterday, that efficiency in the British car in the world. But production costs are a cockrail of wages, social costs, exchange rates and the age of the plant. They are not fixed, and the elements trade off against each other. High wages means low investment, which means clapped-out plant, possibly exporting against favourable exchange rates.

There is really only one choice insecurity in return for jobs now, or a refusal to accept any reduction of your existing industrial base but little growth by inward investment. Those in any doubt which is preferable might consider the state of the German labour market.

## Countering the spin from City's PR

IT IS a frightening thought that the destiny of a huge company can be decided by the votes of a dozen City fund managers. It is even more frightening that their votes might have been influenced by public relations advisers. One of the least impressive

reached in 1993.

Riccardo Pigliucci, chief ex-

ecutive of Life Sciences, said

that to match the Thermo

offer, the company's share price would have to double in

two years, taking account of

interest and the second inter-

im dividend. He said: "It's do-

able but there's a risk. When

you look at the risk-reward

relationship, it's a good deal

Life Sciences said that it

expected its 1996 pre-tax prof-

its to be about £27 million, up

from E24 million in 1995.

However, the £7 million cost

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the City has been the rise of the corporate spin doctor. Time was, they could be relied upon to pour the gin and tonics before hinch and retire to a quiet corner until their services were needed again. These days no one drinks gin and tonic, and they have progressed to a seat at the top table.

There is a groundswell of opinion building in the City about their role, and it is not a favourable one. PR firms' main function is to put ideas into the popular consciousness, through informal chats with the press or brokers' analysts, that avoid the normal means of communication, the official announcement through the Stock Exchange.

This practice has one great advantage: deniability. The conhas one great disadvantage: it is against the rules. The Takeover Panel's code mentions PR firms. and forbids the informal dis-semination of important information. Some have been caught at it, and reprimanded.

It is hard to explain the rise of the financial PR firm. Takeover bids are perhaps more sensitive matters today than they were a couple of decades ago - think of the public fuss over the Forte/ Granada bid. Public perception of a corporate strategy can make or break it — look at Brent Spar. The PR practitioners are, in

many cases, more skilled and better paid than those they try to manipulate, and the information available may be more useful and accurate than once it was. But in a takeover bid they may also be on a huge, million pound-plus success fee, which does nothing for their objectivity.

There are moves to impose on the PR industry a formal code of conduct. This is probably fruitless, an attempt to regulate those whose whole purpose is the circumvention of the existing rules. All one can hope for is that those 12 fund managers whose decisions count, when they dine with the PR industry, take with them a long spoon.

## Great minds on collision course

WE are at one of those points when the Chancellor of the Exchequer disagrees with the advice of the Bank of England, and both views are irreconcilable. The first believes sterling's rise is deflationary and that a rise in interest rates is not needed, the second that the exchange rate does not necessarily impinge on consumer de-mand, which is too strong, and that interest rates must rise. The fact that the argument is probably over a quarter point on rates hardly make it any less fun.

Since Mr Clarke first started having monthly têtes-a-têtes with Eddie George, he has delighted in defying the Bank but never for long. In the autumn, he held out for a mere month. This time is different; an election is weeks away. The Chancellor already knows that

he will not keep inflation on target and that Labour will make some small capital out of it.

A decision could be needed as soon as next Monday's fourthquarter GDP figures, if these are stronger than expected. But playing the iron Chancellor may not be the ideal role for a political Chancellor. Look how smartly Mr Clarke moved to rubbish Gordon Brown's big speech on tax. Is he really going to launch another pre-emptive strike against inflation just so Mr Brown meets the target in two years' time, while hobbling his own re-election chances by trig-gering more mortgage rate rises?

## Homing predictions

OF THIS column's 16 predictions at the start of 1997, one came true within days and two more arrived yesterday. A football club ran into financial trouble, and an inconsistent lan Lang confounded the market. The takeover of Mid Kent Water was blocked to prevent the loss of comparators used by the industry regulator to measure relative performance. Yet at the last count there were more than 20 such surviving in the water sector. Meanwhile, the electricity industry has almost dis-appeared, subsumed into larger groups until only two independent companies are left.

# **BBC** chief nets Greenspan £3m in takeover of Life Sciences

SIR Christopher Bland, chairman of the BBC, added another 63 million to his fortune yesterday when Life Sciences International, the laboratory equipment com-pany, agreed to a £235.9 million takeover. Sir Christopher, who made

£14 million from Granada's takeover of London Weekend Television, acquired an interest in the company that became Life Sciences nearly ten years ago. The company expanded through acquisitions, but ran into difficulties in 1995 when a profits setback caused. sharp fall in the share price. Life Sciences is being ac-

quired by Thermo Instrument Systems, an American company that bought the scientific instruments division of Fisous for £123 million last year.

Thermo is offering 135p a share, 46 per cent above the price of Life Sciences shares before the offer. Shareholders will also receive a second interim dividend of 3p a share. Life Sciences said that Sir Christopher would make a



Bland: expected to go

profit of £1.3 million above the cost of his holding. He is expected to leave the company when the deal is completed. The rest of the board including Simon Constantine and Andrew Bebbington, Sir Christopher's colleagues in the 1987 management buy-in — will share a £2.1 million profit on holdings worth £3.4

Although Thermo's offer is at a higher price than Life Sciences' shares have seen for more than a year, it is a long

# Littlewoods to take Vert stake

LITTLEWOODS has agreed to buy a 29.9 per stake in Jacques Vert, the struggling women's wear group. (Sarah Cunningham writes). Follow-ing the £2.7 million investment, the two companies aim to develop a new niche home-

shopping catalogue. Littlewoods is fast expanding its mail-order business. Last week it said that it had conditionally agreed to pay £395 million to buy the Freemans mail order business from Sears. Littlewoods said the Jacques Vert catalogue should be launched next year. Jacques Vert yesterday reported that it had lost £4.8 million before tax in the six months to November 2.

The company is also planning a five-for-four placing and open offer at 30p per share to raise £3.6 million. Its banks have agreed to a £4 overdraft facility.

# Shandwick plans one-stop PR shop

By Alasdair Murray

SHANDWICK International. the public relations company, aims to expand its global operations by offering international companies a one-stop shop for their PR needs.

Dermot McNulty, chief executive, said accounts already won for Digital and Mastercard were worth about £3 million. Shandwick achieved a 20 per cent rise in pre-tax profits, excluding exceptional items, to £9.2 million in the year to the end of October. Operating revenue increased 12.5 per cent to £122 million, with continuing income growing 13.7 per cent. But margins slipped to 11.8 per cent from

11.9 per cent. New clients in America included McCain Foods and Symnatec Corporation, helping US profits to rise 15 per

UK operating income rose 6

McNulty: profit up 20% per cent to £26 million, with

operating profit up 3 per cent to £3.7 million. New clients included Marks & Spencer. Total dividend was increased by 10 per cent to 1.43p with a ip final on April 18.

# Hall wants £27.5m for joint deal

HALL ENGINEERING, the automotive and wire products company, is to raise £27.5 million from a one-for-four rights issue at 250p (Martin Barrow writesj.

The cash call will provide funding for a new joint venture, announced yesterday. between Stadco Pressings, a Hall subsidiary, and Takao Kinzoku Kogyo, a Japanese designer and manufactures of vehicle body shells. The joint venture - in which Hall will have a 65 per cent interest — will manufacture car body components for Honda and other carmakers. A new plant will be built on a greenfield site in the South Midlands.

Capital expenditure of about £17.5 million over the next two years is expected. The joint venture will borrow £7 million, with Half and Takao providing the balance. PR worries, page 29 | earn a profit from 2000.

# Somerfield sales struggle six months to November 9. However, group sales were up

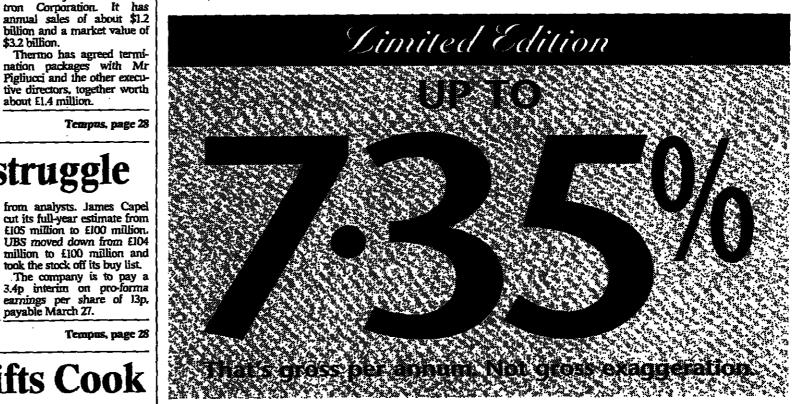
SOMERFIELD, the super-markets group that struggled through a flotation last Au-gust, delivered interim profits in line with expectations vesterday, but watched its shares fall 52p to 1682p as the City remained sceptical about growth (Sarah Cunningham

Pre-tax profits rose to £54.6 million from £43 million in the

only L3 per cent and i.2 per cent in the first nine weeks of the second half, which includ-Christmas. The disappointment with the sales growth, the bulk of which came from the stores most recently converted from Gateway into Somerfield, led to a raft of forecast downgrades

£105 million to £100 million. UBS moved down from £104 million to £100 million and took the stock off its buy list. The company is to pay a 3.4p interim on pro-forma earnings per share of 13p, payable March 27.

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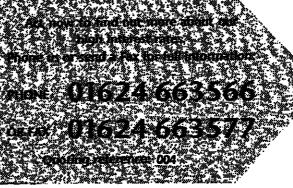


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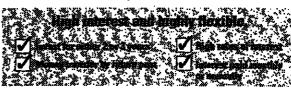
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# **Triplex lifts Cook** offer to £72.8m

By Fraser Nelson may no longer be ludicrously

TRIPLEX LLOYD, the specialist engineering company, yesterday increased its hostile takeover bid for William Cook to £72.8 million, from £56

The final cash-and-shares offer values Triplex shares at 389p each, compared with the 238p they stood at before the takeover battle began. There is a full cash alternative of 383p a

Andrew Cook, chairman of William Cook, said the revised bid still undervalues his company and added he had seen nothing to alter his view that a merger had no industrial logic. Mr Cook said: "Triplex's offer low, but it remains manifestly low. Their assertions that 'it's all metal and sand demonstrate their utter ignorance of the truly different nature of the Triplex Lloyd and William Cook businesses." Triplex says the enlarged

company would enjoy addi-tional operating profits of £2.5 million a year. It said it has already received interest from its own clients in buying William Cook's products, should the takeover succeed. Triplex's share price fell 11p to 1922 p yesterday, effectively lowering the value of its paper bid for Cook by £2.13 million.

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MICHAEL CLARK

# Shares resume rise on Greenspan's softer line

economy from Alan Greenspan, chairman of the Federal Reserve, injected investors with a new lease of life on both sides of the Atlantic last night.

In his testimony to the Senate Budget Committee he painted a rosy picture of a vigorous US economy with few signs of inflation. It seemed to be in complete contrast to his comments of little over a month ago when he left world markets recling after comments about their "irrationai exuberance".

But his latest comments were just what investors wanted to hear. The Dow Jones industrial average climbed more than 50 points after his speech, while in London the FT-SE 100 index put in a late rally. It clawed back an initial 26-point fall to close 1.5 up at 4,195.5. Turnover reached a healthy 874 million shares.

Among leaders Thorn continued to hit new lows with a fall of 912p at 19912p in the wake of Monday's profits warning. The group complained about the effect the strong pound was having on business and said that profits for the full year were unlikely to show much improvement on last year's £170 million. Thorn was demerged from EMI in August of last year at 400p. Brokers are now worried about a possible cut in the dividend if there is a further deterioration in business.

LucasVarity was the beneficiary of a small, mixed programme trade valued at around E40 million. It firmed 12p to 220p as one institution decided the shares were a buy. BOC Group jumped 241ap to 920p in response to talk of a "buy" recommendation from SBC Warburg, the broker.

Heavy turnover was reported in Coats Viyella with almost seven million shares changing hands as the price retreated 212p to 13512p. The price fell from a peak of 207p last year after a profits warning. But some brokers say the vhich vield aroun per cent, have been oversold.

There was further selective recent profit-taking with Barclays firming 6p to Ell.09'2, Lloyds TSB 2'2p at 459p, and Royal Bank of Scotland 7p at 57812.

Shares of Millwall were suspended at 4p pending clarification of the company's financial position. Before a halt



David Simons, left, and Martin Gatto of Somerfield, whose shares fell 5'2p despite meeting half-year profit forecasts

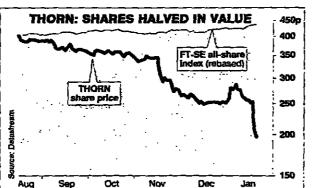
million shares had changed hands amid whispers that a bid was on the way. Last night, as traders were calculating the cost of reaching to bad information, it emerged that details of a cash injection were being thrashed out. Word is that Peter Mead of Abbott Mead Vickers fame wants to inject around E6 million into the south London football club

Shares in the 600 Group plunged 55p to 1412p after it warned that profits for the current year were unlikely to match market expectations. It blamed a slump in demand for machine tools and excess stock levels. ABN Amro Hoare among a number to respond by reducing its forecast by £3 million to Ell million. A total

There are signs of a revival in the fortunes of BSkyB, the satellite broadcaster 40 per cent owned by News International. owner of The Times. After tumbling from a peak of of 696p last year the price rose 10p to 57112p yesterday as Kleinwort Benson, the broker, issued a target price of 700p a share.

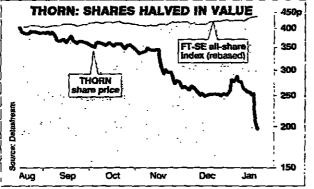
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The news dragged the other quoted football clubs lower. Manchester United fell 4120 to 71712. Sunderland 512p to 75212p, Tottenham Hotspur 5p to 007'zp, Southampton Leisure 5p to 14612p, and Sheffield United 6p to 10212p.



via a heavily discounted rights of 2.7 million shares were traded. Somerfield failed to re-

spond to a maiden set of halfyear figures in line with brokers' forecasts with the price finishing 512p lower at 16812p. The old Gateway supermarket chain, which joined the stock market last July and is headed by David Simons. chief executive, with Martin



small supermarket chains to prevent their bigger rivals

2p to 367p.

said is still too low.

Life Sciences International responded to the E236 million bid from Thermo Instrument Systems, the US company, with a leap of 4112p to 134p. LSI has forecast pre-tax profits of £27 million, before restructuring costs of £27 million. Jacques Vert, the loss-mak-

women's fashionwear group, stood out with a jump of 21p at 5312p after announcing details of a proposed shake-up. Littlewoods Home Shopping is taking a near 30 per cent stake for £2.7 million. 🗖 GILT-EDGED: The London bond market also responded positively to the bullish remarks from Alan Greenspan, with prices claw-

The Bank of England issued details of next week's double auction consisting of £2.5 billion of Treasury 714 per cent 2007 on Tuesday and £1.5 billion of Treasury 7 per cent 2002 on Thursday

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Gatto, finance director, reported pre-tax profit of £54.6 million. That compares with a figure of £43 million. Brokers cern about the ability of the

eroding market share. Budgens slipped 12p to 4514p after reporting interim figures on Monday. Sainsbury slipped 4p to 387p ahead of a Friday's trading update. Tesco, which reported a 12 per cent rise in like-for-like sales on Monday, softened

William Cook firmed 5p to 380p after injecting the increased terms from Triplex Lloyd, down llp at 19212p. Triplex Lloyd has raised its mixture of cash and shares from 309p to 401p a share, valuing William Cook at £74.8 million, which William Cook

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# Cyclical stocks turned over

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Somerfield's managers

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businesses, branded as cyclical, never escape punishment when things go wrong. The 600 Group machine toolmaker suffered yesterday when it warned the market about destocking by dealers who sell the company's computer-. controlled lathes. Worries that the machine tool cycle had already run its course knocked more than 25 per cent off the shares. The shares are valued at only 9 times forecast earnings and 7 times 1998 earnings.

On such a rating one might assume that machine tools were heading for deep recession, or that 600 Group was heading for serious trouble. Yet there is no evidence to support either proposition. With expectations of profits of E11 million, the company is hardly a basket case, 600 Group did report a softer market in the UK last summer, but the main

RISK is in the eye of the beholder but some culprit for the sales downturn was a rush by dealers to build up supplies last year of its Tornado CNC lathe, which was enjoying huge popularity. Demand pushed order times out to six months, causing dealers to build up stocks. These are unwinding, but 600 Group can now deliver in less than four weeks.

A climate of steady growth and low inflation is ideal for machine toolmakers; by rights the sector should be prospering rather than heading for collapse. Unfortunately, old prejudices die hard. Fashionable service businesses, such as recruitment are even more volatile than engineers, being prone to collapsing sales during recession. Yet such companies now enjoy share ratings of 20 times earnings. Poor old 600 Group must live and die an engineer, but the shares do look cheap.

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Somerfield will become the

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## Somerfield

EVERY dog has its day and so it is with new florations. Those investors who bought shares in Somerfield last August at its deeply-discounted 145p flotation price will have made a tidy profit of up to 20 per cent on Monday, had they sold their shares at 174p, when the stock reached a record high.

Now for the bad news: that could turn out to be as good as it is going to get. Nothing in yesterday's maiden interim results suggests a reason for the share price to reach a similar level in the foreseeable future.

The biggest worry about Somerfield is sales growth. Yesterday's figures made painfully clear that the vast bulk of its unspectacular like-for-like sales increase comes from those stores that have been converted

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## Life Sciences

SIR Christopher Bland, for-mer boss of LWT, once described Life Sciences International as his baby. Television may be more glamorous and made him much more money, but Sir Christopher and his team assembled the laboratory equipment group more or less from scratch.

For the first five years, Life Sciences gave its shareholders a terrific run for their money. Sadly, the second five years has been almost all downhill as the company wrestled with a string of healthcare budgets, a poor acquisition and an expensive legal dispute among them. strongly profitable.

Yesterday's offer from Thermo instrument Systems looks a reasonable deal for both sides. Life Sciences's shares have looked substantially undervalued for some time. Management recognise

that recovering lost ground under their own steam could be a long and uncertain journey. At the same time, the phone has not exactly been ringing with competing

Perhaps the news will flush out another bidder. The directors have not given binding acceptances for their own shares, so there is still some hope of a better deal.

## Triplex/Cook

TRIPLEX LLOYD has brought out a sledge hammer in its battle for William Cook. With its final bid, worth 389p, it has accepted that its fellow metal-basher does indeed have more life in it than the City expected.

Increasing the offer by some 30 per cent should still not break the bank at Triplex. It plans to take Cook's products abroad, and says it has already received interest from it largest clients in buying a broader range of products from an enlarged group. Other benefits, it says, should be £2.5 million.

If true, the acquisition should wash its face within the first year, even if the seven institutions that control William Cook opt for Triplex's cash alternative. If William Cook does indeed produce the 37-2p earnings it has now forecast for 1997. Triplex's higher bid values the company on a lower mul-

tiple than its last offer.
Three months ago, nobody would have considered paying anywhere near 400p for guishing at 240p and its management were downbeat about its prospects. Since the has claimed that there was always more under the mattress than previously revealed. Few companies are so shy of boasting about their achievements. Either Cook is going to regret cracking this particular nut.

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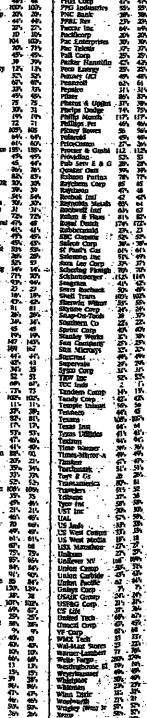
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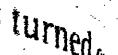
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## Lowe Bell holds back ANTHONY CARDEW

was not the only public relations officer on Nicola Horlick's hastily drawnup list. It appears that La Horlick shopped around, putting a call into Lowe Bell Financial first Quickly - but not that quick -Lowe Bell put in a request for more time. Then in jumped Cardew, the Max Clifford of City PR, and Horlick's roller-coaster ride took off. Word has it that Lowe Bell would have said "no" to superwoman's request. Now they would not want to upset Morgan Grenfell, would they?

HAPPY BIRTHDAY Greg Hutchings. The chairman of Tomkins is 50 today, but he won't be marking it with a party. "Nobody knows I'm 50, and I try to pretend birthdays don't happen," he whispers. Instead, he will go for an early morn-

## Party wine

SIR James Goldsmith is mixing drinks with politics. Although perhaps better used to champagne, his Referendum Party is launching its own wine. It's English, of course, from the Rowenden vineyard in Kent, and the Ridgewood winery in East Sussex. Called Sovereigntv. it will sell at £4.50 a bottle. But will it be used to toast Sir James's success at the general election, or to drown his sorrows?



Goldsmith: toast

## Last parade?

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WORD has it that Procter & Gamble is breaking its ties with the gaudy world of children's beauty pageants. For the past 30 years, the multinational has sponsored the Miss USA, Miss Teen USA, and Miss Universe pageants. As the contract runs out this year, a spokeswoman says that it is unlikely that P&G will renew. The official line is that its products are not getting the cover-age P&G is looking for. Or could the Boxing Day murder of a child beauty queen in Boulder, Colorado, have been a factor?

## Rankin bows out

AFTER 37 years at Scottish & Newcastie, starting out as a warehouseman and ending as chairman, Sir Alick Rankin is bowing out next week. Aged 62, the Old Etonian is retiring to Glenalmond, Perthshire, where he will be anything but reclusive; he remains chairman of Christian Salvesen, deputy chairman of General Accident, and a non-executive director of the Bank of Scotland.

Never short of humour, Sir Alick recalls when he was subjected to psychometric testing. "Two profes-sors walked into my office and quizzed me for half an hour. Two weeks later they came back to debrief me. They looked a bit shifty and, wondering if something was wrong, I asked them to come out with it. Then they blurted out Broadly, we don't know how you got the job and how you've kept it."

MEMBERS of The London Capital Club have rechristened the club's popular Tequila Slammer. Now known as Tequila a "Horlick's", the knockout drink is said to be a big hit among members from Morgan Grenfell.

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Gerry Robinson and Granada are believed to have paid Citigate £1 million for its work on the Forte bid out of an estimated £120 million in fees

# No soft soap in the attempts to clean up PR in the City

Jon Ashworth says the Takeover Panel is prepared to take stern action over unauthorised leaks

demonstrated more clearly than in the case of Granada's tub, leaving an oily film on the dirty bathwater. And oh, the £3.3 billion punt for Forte. Sir Rocco Forte was in Yorkshire when the bid flashed up on the City screens on November 22 It is in the murky world of takeover bids that the role of 1995, and never fully recovered his poise. Granada's PR team, the financial public relations led by Jonathan Clare of Citigate, became locked in a mighty tussie with Brunswick. led by Alan Parker. The outcome was perhaps inevitable. but the Brunswick corner put up a good fight.

with bars of soap.

They are manage

able enough when you first open the packet, but just try to

get a grip on them when wet. They slip and slide around the

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executive comes into its own.

The same names crop up time

and again, calling in favours

and massaging announce-ments in the drive to keep the

client ahead of the game.

Success fees potentially run-ning into millions of pound

But for how much longer?

Pension funds are said to be

growing increasingly unhap-py about the level of fees paid

to advisers in general. Banks, lawyers and others earned more than El billion in fees for

their work in advising on

UK last year. City PR firms

might rank low in the pecking

order, but still stand to pick up the odd million. The potential

are at stake.

has drained away.

The bid for Forte cost Granada an estimated £120 million in fees; the bulk of it on underwriting. Granada's advisers, ABN Amro and Barclays de Zoete Wedd, received £11 million each. Citigate pocketed about £1 million for its work, although no figure was disclosed. Either way, Mr Clare and his team got their celebratory dinner at takeovers and mergers in the the Berkeley. This aside, City PRs have

much to concern them. Soon after the completion of the spoils are huge — but so are Granada bid. Sir David

cautioning them about the improper leaking of price-sensitive information before and during takeover bids. Sir David noted the Panel's "increasing level of concern" about the number of unauthorised leaks, and gave warning of stern action if the practice continued.

Financial Dynamics, one of the bigger City players, had been embroiled in a row over the alleged leaking of pricesensitive information ahead of financial results from Caradon, the building products group. Some in the industry came out in support of tighter regulation of City PRs. Those supporting a system of licens-ing for practitioners included Anthony Cardew, currently acting for Nicola Horlick in her districts with Deutsche her dispute with Deutsche Morgan Grenfell.

he role of the City PR in takeover bids will always be controversial, but the industry insists it has cleaned up its act. the penalties for those who Calcutt, chairman of the Take-Some of the dodgier practices cross the line. Calcutt, chairman of the Take-Some of the dodgier practices cross the line. Nowhere was the process figures in the PR industry, eyes tailing clients, investiga-

tors sifting through dustbins - are long gone, they insist. Regulatory bodies such as the Securities and Investments Board (SIB) and Takeover Panel have seen to that.

But the industry remains as shrouded in suspicion as ever. Can you really trust that PR adviser when they feed you that "hot" tip about the other camp? Why is it that certain Sunday newspapers always seem to be on the inside track? Scions of the PR industry close ranks on this one. Lord

Chadlington, aka Peter Gummer, the chairman of Shandwick, said that firms previously brought in on special projects are now increasingly working with company boards at every stage.

Piers Pottinger, group man-aging director of Lowe Bell Communications, said advisers were under much closer scrutiny from regulatory authorities. Mr Pottinger, whose assignments included Hoylake's bid for BAT industries, and Minorco's punt for Consolidated Goldfields, said it was important to assess a client's case dispassionately to

to scrutiny. He said: "It's got to be more than: 'Ya! Booh! Sucks to you. We're talking about value."

Brian Basham, scourge of ICI and others, says City PR has moved into a new league. Mr Basham, who acted for Hanson in the tussle with ICI, and represented the late Sir James Gulliver during the Guinness saga, said: "Any-body now who indulges in the Friday night drop is putting their client's interests in jeopardy. The SIB is warting to pounce. You've just got to be quicker and more creative, while staying within the

Media handling is just part of it. The PR team will work with bankers and lawyers to agree the main issues, and try to ensure that a company's line stands up to scrutiny. They are often heavily involved with investor relations, and in matters of documentation. There are also political and regulatory issues to consider.

That "huge" success fee may not be such a big deal after all. Philip Healey, editor of Acquisitions Monthly, said projecting the right image early on in a bid was worth its weight in gold — as shown by Granada's wrong-footing of Forte. Once the bid machine begins to roll, fees to advisers become an almost secondary concern.

Mr Healey says PR advisers will ultimately fall prey to the next downturn in the economic cycle. The frantic activity seen in the Eighties dried up in the recession, and will do so again. Mr Healey said: "Enjoy it while it lasts. The mergers and acquisitions market probably has no more than one or two years left to run."



# Greed is not a joke, even when

it rebounds

hen the greedy over-reach themselves, we all get a good laugh. The billionaire years ago, but the memory still gives me a warm feeling. Their attempt to corner the silver market failed when the world's petty thieves unloaded old sporting trophies in tonnage lots — a rare exam-ple of poetic justice in the markets. The Leeson case also looks promising. (Nicola Horlick, for whom a million or so may apparently not be enough, could star in another.)

But once the gee-whiz scheme is worked out, each incident tends to be forgotten. Sometimes useful lessons are learnt. The management of derivatives traders is surely tighter since Leeson and Metallgesellschaft: and Mrs Horlick may make City firms usefully more edgy about promoting staff as stars. But sometimes amnesia is almost instant. It is only six months since possibly the biggest loser of them all was exposed: but who now remembers Yasuo Hamanaka? In a decade as Sumitomo's chief copper trader, he repeatedly tried to squeeze the copper futures market. The estimated cost of closing out the long position he had

accumulated was last put at \$4 billion. But the killer blow was delivered not by little men, but by the hedge funds. Hamanaka name is hard to memorise, and Sumitomo survives him. Moreover \$4 billion is the gross figure. Nobody yet knows how much Sumitomo made on his trades in the years before they were exposed. And that is surely the interesting figure. The huge loss is deservedly a joke.

Manipulation false market, and the speculator is not the only victim when it comes unstuck, as thousands of out-of-work Chilean miners can testify. It ought, then, to be stopped. Easier said than done, you may say. The crime is ancient - do you remember "forestalling and regrating from your schooldays? - and dates back to Roman times at least. In all that time, the perpetrators have usually got away with it; but neither that awkward fact, nor the hope

that time will produce its

us tolerate it. It can be stopped: or if not stopped.

The law is the oldest remedy, but it is also the least effective. The SIB report on the Sumitomo affair seems to forget this. It argues that futures manipulation is already illegal under Section 47 of the Financial Services Act - which was drafted to stop share market rigging. But it seems unlikely that even a Demosthenes, let alone our own prosecuting authorities, could persuade a British court to share this view, or that it would help much if he did. In the US commodity market, manipulation has long been forbid-den under the Commodity Exchange Act; but there has hardly ever been a successful prosecution.

What does work in the US, and could work here, is transparency, as Christopher Gilbert. of Queen Mary College, argues in an academic study this week. In the US, traders with large open fu-tures positions have to report them to the authorities every week; the aggregate figures are officially published within three days. This makes stealth impossible. The London Metal Exchange apparently lacks the powers to insist on such disclosure. It set up a "voluntary" reporting system post-Sumitomo, which seems to be working unexpectedly well, with 95 per cent compliance, but a firm rule would be more comforting.

nd why should you bother with a set of rules which in practice applies only to professionals? Because there is a bigger issue here. Ever since the international branches of the US banks came to London to escape intrusive regulation, there has been a danger of a regulatory devaluation race. But the fringe operations of the swinging 60s - remember when newspapers could not use the word "eurodollar" without an explanatory footnote? have now grown up. The global market is the new word; and global markets demand global rules. If the Anglo-Saxons cannot get their acts together, Brussels may have the last laugh.

# Business problems brought to life in the classroom

adbury's conquest of Po-land and the rebirth of the Skoda are among the case studies of business strategy included in this year's edition of The Times 100, the

business studies teaching aid. The publication contains 59 examples of business issues ranging from trademark protection to the relocation of supermarkets. Sponsored by companies that volunteer aspects of their business for scrutiny in the classroom, The Times 100 aims to provide students with real-life examples from well-known businesses to back up business theory learnt through text books.

The chocolate industry is

used to illustrate the business logic behind expansion into emerging markets. Cadbury's case study tells how the confectionary giant noticed that none of its rivals had moved in to Poland in the years after its revolution. Demand for chocolate was being met by a handful of small Polish manufacturers, with none of the glamour in Cadbury's arsenal.

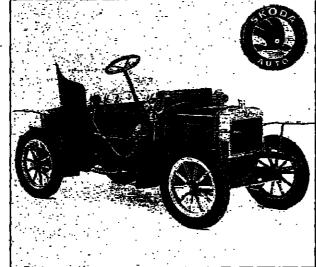
Poland was a relatively small market, the study continues the average Briton ate 14 kilograms of sweets in 1994 against 4.72 kilograms eaten by the average Pole. But years of Communist rule had artificially capped chocolate appetites and the market was young. Cadbury's first dilemma was

whether to produce chocolate in Poland, or just ship bars out to the country and then distribute them. Setting up shop involved substantial risk, but exporting was being hindered by import barriers set up by the It decided to enter the coun-

try and the next question was where to locate. A balance had to be struck between availability of employment, transport links and distance from competitors. Lastly, Gadbury had to decide whether to staff the outfit with expatriates, who knew the business, or with locals, who knew the area. Students are given the arguments for or against each point. and are invited to learn from

Skoda, in turn, describes its have used to achieve the phoe-

The Times 100 is again being sent to schools, Fraser Nelson reports



Skoda's efforts to break with its past provide a case study

efforts to revitalise its image. After its deal with Volkswagen, it says, it was presented with an opportunity to break from its ist and emerge as the choice past and emerge as t of a new generation. Skoda details the task its

marketing team had to face: its car had become the subject of too many jokes, but with the new alliance, it could offer Volkswagen technology at a much cheaper price. The result was its advertising

offensive ("We've changed the car - can you change your mind?"). It shows how its marketing unit then split car buyers into four categories. separated by attitude. These started with the accep-

tors ("I will consider buying this car") to the persuasives ("I would not like to be the first to own one.") Then came the current rejectors ("It will have to improve before I consider buying one") and lastly the residual rejectors ("I would never consider a Skoda"). Students are asked how the residual rejectors could be con-

verted and what other slogans

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nix-like resurrection of image it demanded. Stakeholding is the concept dealt with by the case study

from the Association of Water Service Companies of England and Wales. It explains the logic behind privatising water and about the fears held by its users over the misuse of a monopoly. The users, it explains, are

stakeholders who with shareholders and directors hold an interest in the utility. It goes on to explain that stakeholders often have conflicting interests. and invites students to ask how to resolve these tensions.

The roles of the Office of Fair Trading and the Monopolies and Mergers Commission are explained and hypothetical conflicts between Ofwat, the MMC, environmental agencies and the Government are created.

Ultimately The Times 100 aims to give students the information they need to connect their studies to the real world and with the financial pages of newspapers. The publication contains a glossary of businessspeak and a guide to using the

business section of The Times. While history textbooks can hold good for decades, business studies texts tend to date sooner. Their task is to explain an ever-changing environment, and this gives them a very short shelflife. The development of deregulated water authorities would be covered by few textbooks; indeed, many still in use in the classroom deal with water privatisation as nothing more than a possibility.

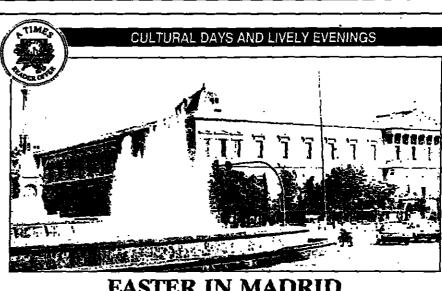
Dave Needham, senior lecturer in Business Education at Nottingham Trent University, is one of the authors recruited to compile the case studies. For the past year, he has been talking to teachers and pubils who used the first edition of The Times 100, and helped to draw up improvements to develop the second edition.

When you discuss concepts and ideas in the classroom, it is difficult for students to gain a picture about how they work." he says. "By giving students examples which they can identify with, the studies provide them with and give them a much firmer grasp of the issues which they are dealing with.

"In business studies, it is just not possible to teach the same area in the same way year after year. At the same time, schools do not have the budgets which allow them to update their resources as often as they would like. We found that teachers with limited budgets have welcomed the materials which arrive regularly and free of charge because they provide an updated prospective upon which they can base the deliv-

ery of their courses." The first edition drew praise from everyone from schoolchildren to Tony Blair, the Labour leader, who said he found the series fascinating reading. The second edition is accompanied by a free CD-Rom, which contains all the entries and allows each study to be printed out and used as a handout. They should have reached every UK secondary school by the end of the month.

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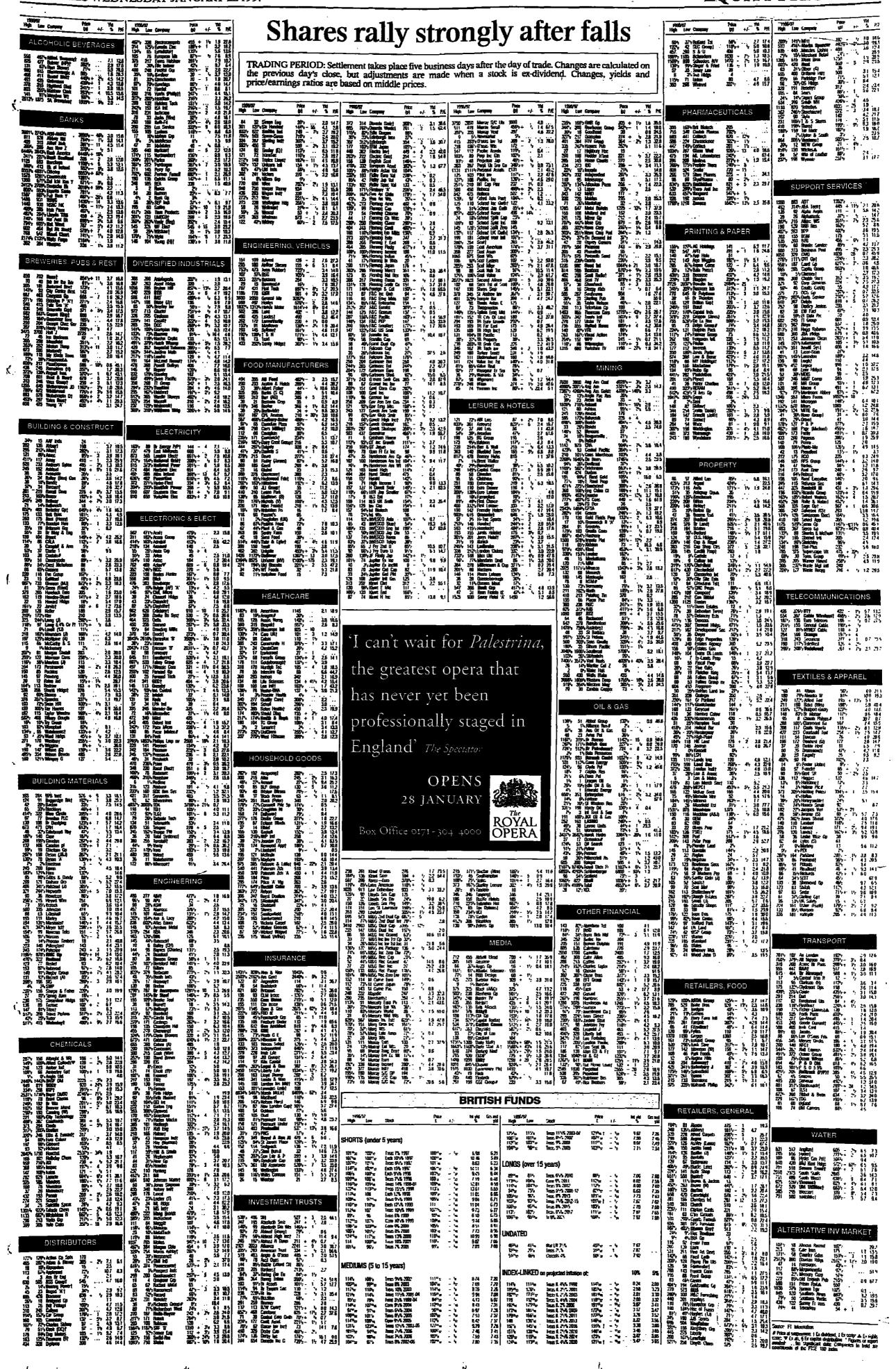
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Wanna fix Radio 4? Dump The Archers

American vulgarism into the long debate about the BBC (and who has squirmed to hear it prettied up with Anglicisms like, "If it isn't broken, don't try to fix it." or worse, "... to repair it", I would like to offer a modification, "If it ain't broke,

don't say you're going to fix it."
Too late, alas, to offer this sage advice to James Boyle, the new Controller of BBC Radio 4. He has already announced that a radical three-year renovation of Middle England's favourite network is on the way.

Will Broadcasting House never learn? Radio 4 listeners do not like change. They can write irate four-page letters in blue ink to Feedback faster than you can say "Dogger. Fisher. German Bight". They have mastered voicemail, fax and e-mail. They tend to get their way. The last thing that any reformer should do is to alert

them to mobilise. Boyle, down from BBC Scotland, can't take back what he has said about preventing Radio 4 from becoming a museum piece. That is a pity, because his instincts are good. If I never hear Breakaway again (Boyle is already shaking up this 1950s-ish Saturday travel programme, with its appalling theme tune). I will be a happier woman. I might even be able to put up with The Archers.

On second thoughts, I wouldn't. Were I in Boyle's shoes. I would boldly go where none has dared and dump this postwar relic of agricultural didacticism. At the very least I would put it into Farming Today.

On Sunday, just to be sure I was hrave enough to make this nation-shaking proposal, I tuned in to The Archers omnibus edition, to find my longstanding prejudices gloriously confirmed. Did anyhody think that the cow - the one with the swollen "oodder" - was going to turn out to have mere mastitis? I didn't, not for one minute. But I was wrong to diagnose BSE. An Archers script would never be that out of date. The wretched beast, whose dripping milk was (we were told - yuk) the colour of honey, was suffering from the much more topical E-coli infection - the consequence of untrimmed hooves and a mucky yard. A

My next move would be to jettison all those giggly panel games in which four males laugh themselves sick while a female keeps score. Radio 4 wants younger listeners and it keeps on broadcasting Just a Minute? Last Saturday's big wrangle over whether Clement Freud said "buckets" twice or just once is hardly the thing to draw in the young fleeing Radio I in the wake of Chris Evans.

Then out would go PM at 5pm, which repeats the news and headlines in the same words so often that by the time they are

I it ain't broke, don't fix it." As one who has been blamed for introducing this know them by heart. In its place I would put From Our Own Correspondent, a jewel wasted in its Saturday 11,30am setting. I'd say goodbye too to Thought for the Day ~ insulting to non-believers and intrusive to those who take the Today programme for the political agenda-setting it purports to be.

I would increase the number of live shows. Radio 4's dangerousness is under-appreciated. As one who is occasionally given the chance to appear on Melvyn Bragg's Monday morning Start the Week. I am always astonished by the intensity of response to the programme. Occasionally, I am asked why such and such a person has been given a seemingly hard time.

"You do know the programme's live?" I say. Yes, they do. What they do not appreciate is the awesome prospect of embarking on 55 minutes of unscripted conversation with guests who may have to be prodded to start talking. Prodded

or not. American guests tend to leave marvelling that they have been on the airwaves for nearly an hour with no station break, commercial or voices phoning in. If there is a counterpart to Radio 4 elsewhere in the world, 1

**BRENDA** would love to hear about it. The uniqueness of the network lies in the whole variegated Radio 4 mix. Whether you like Women's Hour **MADDOX** or hate The News Quiz is irrelevant. The Radio 4 audience knows that by and large it

will hear intelligent speech to which advance thought has been given and that the menu will offer a change of subject in a short time. My advice to Mr Boyle would be to forget about age. He is entitled to try to fix Radio 4. But at the start he should say that it is a national treasure.

hile the British are talking about introducing the V-chip to black out television programmes parents do not want their children to see, the Americans have done something about it.

But done what? Congress passed a law

last February to make the chip compulsory in all new television sets. Then the industry agreed to design a rating system to alert the chip to a programme's content.

The result could be more, not less, sex and violence on television. The Supreme Court ruled in June that when people can block offensive programming for themselves, the law is not justified in doing it for them. According to this week's New Yorker, this ruling could allow more unrestrainedly programme onto screens than before, to be seen by the millions of young children whose parents do nothing whatso ever to control their viewing. A salutary reminder to Britain that the V-chip protects only those children who don't need it.



# **Express** musical chairs

Committee seem of realization of the second

THE BUDGETARY belt is being pulled ever tighter at The Express, where staff complain that their every move is now being monitored by con-

Heads of department are frustrated by the failure of the bean-counters to understand that contributers cannot all be paid a flat fee but are remunerated according to the worth of their story. Hacks on the road are infuriated that their expenses are being sent back if a single receipt is out of place.

The scheme to squeeze two floors of editorial staff into one so that the vacant level can be let is working a treat. The sports department, which now has an entire supplement to produce every day, com-plained that the only way it could fit into its allotted space was to draw up rotas for the shared use of screens.

Any offers?

SCOTLAND on Sunday executives are in panic after a disastrous experiment just before Andrew Neil's arrival as chief troubleshooter at the be-



Neil: unsatisfied?

leaguered newspaper group. Overnight, they ditched their much-copied business section. demoted Simon Bain, the award-winning editor for eight years, and created The Money Pages, edited by the much-travelled Rob Brown, who promised — rather rashly as it turned out - on the front page that he would "expose the profiteers". The format flopped and Brown re-signed after eight weeks.

The section has now lost nearly all of its full-time Scottish business specialists. In an attempt to satisfy Neil's demand for a credible

business section, the paper

took the unusual step of advertising the business editor's job on the front page of the section on December 8. It was. trumpeted the ad, "one of the most prestigious posts in Scottish journalism". How curious, then, that the tally of applicants for this coveted job should be a figure not unadjacent to, er. zero.

Experienced brain IT IS never too late to make a starter for ten, according to Ida Staples. At 72, she is about to become the oldest-ever University Challenge contestant. The Cambridgeshire pen-sioner will be representing the Open University when it takes on the University of Wales'

next Monday.

Mrs Staples, who likes tofinish the Times Two crossword before breakfast, is studying for a degree in earth sciences. A trained pharma-cist, she took an OU arts degree to occupy her mind after she was widowed and now says she can't stop studying.
"I am," she says, "a walking advertisement for the OU."

Not so lovely YORKSHIRE Tyne Tees's decision to replace Hollywood Lovers with a repeat of Whickers World on January 8 has done the company more com-

mercial harm than it at first



Whicker: low ratings

thought. Consolidated ratings, recalculated to exclude YITV from the network's results. show that the Whicker programme gave ITV an audience share of just 26 per cent in the Yorkshire region, against 34 per cent for the rest of the network. The company had claimed ratings just "a couple of points lower" than the rest of the network. . .

THEY know how to do things in style at the glossy magazine group Conde Nast. A journalist who recently parted company with the Tatler received a postcard from the Post Office the other day. It informed her

that it had a letter for her which she could have if she paid the 20p postage and a 20p penalty. After trudging across town to the depot, she found that the unstamped letter was not from an absent minded relative. It was from her erstwhile employer and contained her P45.

Making waves

GOODWILL might soon be in short supply in Cyprus, where for years islanders living close to British Army bases have been able to receive - free of charge - SSVC, the army television service that broad casts an amalgam of BBC. ITV, Channel 4 and satellite television programmes (including Premiership foothall). After two months of what military moles politely refer to as "commercial argy-bargy" with lumière Television, a local commercial broadcaster. the MoD has reluctantly decided to encrypt the SSVC

locals freeloading.
Forces personnel inside the bases will be able to pick up SSVC as usual; those living outside the perimeter of the bases will be equipped with decoder boxes, courtesy of the British taxpayer. Local entrepreneurs are already competing to see who will be first on the market with a pirate

broadcasts to prevent the



# Stretch for the stars

ADVERTISING executives take heed: forget originality, creativity and art — sex and celebrities are the best way to stretch your advertising pound, ac-cording to a survey by Propeller Marketing Communications.

Ads That Make News measures the number of articles about advertising that run in the national press. The survey shows that Wonderbra and Gossard's Glossies scored the most PR spin-off in 1996. The compaigns scored 51 and 34

mentions respectively, while Bob Hoskins and Rory McGrath secured 48 stories for BT and Gary Lineker garnered 37 hits for Walker's Crisps. The campaign which most caught the eye of the national newspapers, however, was the Tory party's controversial demon eyes pre-election work. This led to a massive 126 national press stories, worth about £5 ADVERTISING TO

million in free publicity - not bad for an advertisement that had a media spend of just £125,000.

AN UNSEEMLY row has broken out between adfolk and production com-panies over who is the most extrava-gant. The battle has been triggered by an official clampdown on the high cost of advertisements by the Creative Directors' Forum.

The forum believes costs are unnecessarily boosted by profligate production staff who, it claims, have been known to fly personal chefs to shoots. use film-star trailers on set and hire helicopters to travel around.

But production companies are retaliating. They say that creative directors are worse, citing reports of

hotel to get them dry-cleaned at the client's expense, and another who had his luggage sent by DHL to avoid carrying heavy bags to and from the

THERE seems to be an increasing trend for vanity casting, the process whereby agency staff star in their own ads. Recent sightings have included Kevin Brown, Bartle Bogle Hegarty's media chief, playing a drinker in a Murphy's press ad. and Dave Buonaguidi, the creative director of St Luke's, starring as an office worker in one for

It is not clear whether they do this to save money on extras, because they harbour thespian ambitions or whether they just want to earn some cash.

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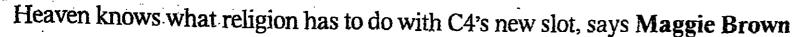
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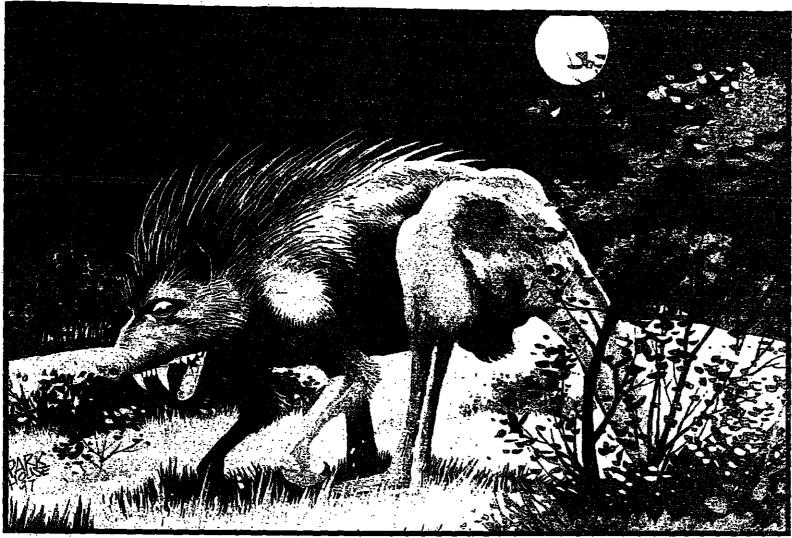
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Day of the vampire: the clips on Fortean TV include a beast suspected of killing goats in Puerto Rico by sucking out their blood and livers

# Myths and miracles

world's first autopsy — on a mermaid. It sent a reporter to Puerto Rico in search of a suspected "vampire" which is supposed to have killed hundreds of goats by sucking out their blood and

But just when you think it is getting a bit silly even for Channel 4, viewers are introduced to a shoal of ancient dogooding Turkish fish which heal skin diseases by nibbling away at the infection.

This is the wacky but profes-sionally produced world of new series Fortean TV, which starts an eight-part, primetime run next week. It is loosely based on the awardwinning monthly cult magazipe Fortean Times, which shot to fame through mysteries such as crop circles, has seen sales spiral from 1,800 to 60,000 in the past five years. and is set to expand further with a spin-off bi-monthly called Bizarre next month (cover story: self-combustion, with pictures).

It preaches the notion, suspect but appealing, that science cannot explain everything and that there are happenings outside our ken. It is a magazine message which especially appeals to men, who compose 75 per cent of Fortean Times readers. At the very least it provides them with talking points over a pint.

The approach was laid down 70 years ago by an American writer, Charles Fort, through such titles as Books of the Damned, and its evergreen, fundamental appeal has been demonstrated recently with a vengeance by programmes such as The XFiles and the array of popular formats dedicated to the paranormal on both ITV and the BBC in the past two years.

But there is a further strange and very British twist to the tale. Fortean TV is styled as a religious programme and is part of Channel 4's agreed portion (52 hours a year) of religious output.

It is presented by an avun-cular Church of Wales priest, Father Lionel Fanthorpe, who wears black biker gear and a cheery, middle-aged smile. He ends each screen episode with a happy song. "I hope to establish a link, to show that religion is not cold and fanati-cal," he says. Surely some

Not so: Channel 4's commissioning editor for religioùs programmes. Peter Grimsdale, is proud of the way it stretches the boundaries away from hymn-singing towards the mysteries of the Universe - a shift handily guaranteed to take the series

fringe slots. Further, the programme has been devised by American-born Peter Stuart, whose dynamic company Rapido specialises in lively, sometimes bad-taste programmes: it makes the revamped Girlie Show. Baadass TV and Eurotrash, which also thrives

on a diet of bizarre news. Fortean TV has abandoned the world of poltergeists and haunted houses in favour of "real life" in real places — but always with a light touch of the surreal. Remember the fuss about the glass building

in San Diego which some thought reflected an image of the Madonna? That is prime Fortean TV material - except that it has been done. One of the programmes has a sequence about a cinnamon bun which has taken the shape of Mother Teresa, and an aubergine whose flesh, when cut open, carried the Arabic symbols for Allah.

"To me, a world where a nun on a bun can be screened



Biker: Father Fanthorpe

next to an item on dead goats, and the way that hair is growing on a Chilean Madonna contributes to a much richer mix than usual," says Stuart. This format would allow us to do the world's tallest man. too. It's all very healthy.

Grimsdale denies he is engaged in a cynical exercise or seeking to encourage the gullible to retreat to a non-rational mental cave after centuries of painful scientife progress. He has received praise for two series of Desperately Seeking Times. "I'm not sure this is for Something, in which Peter serious people." he says. McCarthy sought out alterna-More for people in anoraks tive helievers and celebrated with funny voices. But making the summer solstice with a modern religious television is coven of five witches on the a difficult area." Brecon Beacons. This was formally acknowl-

edged last November in the

first published report of the

Central Religious Advisory

Committee, whose members advise the BBC and Indepen-

dent Television Commission

on religious broadcasting. It

drew up a seven-point list of

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What will they make of

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Fortegn TV?

"I expected to have scorn heaped on me," says Grimsdale, "I was genuinely surprised by the reaction. There is a whole sub-culture of belief out there. One of the difficulties for religious programmes is that they have been so fied to conventional ideas. All faiths are full of strange happenings and things called miracles.

Take the incident of straw falling from the sky in a car park (the series describes this, and also mocks up a report of 20 fish falling on to people's heads from the sky). One hundred years ago that would have been thought of as a miracle. Many people still du think like that. The stories in Fortean TV are about things people believe they have seen. unexplained phenomena. But is it anything to do with

Mike Dash, the publisher of Fortean Times, is very pleased with the clips of the shows he has seen so far because they embody the Fortean approach accurately. Science, he reneats, cannot explain everything. But even he is flabbergasted that it is being commissioned as a religious programme.

The Right Rev George Austin, Archdeacon of York, said Fortean TV sounded as if it had as much to do with religion as the Sunday Sport had to do with journalism as

# Seven-day weakness grips the Express

Nicholas Lloyd

s The Express seven-day newspaper experiment beginning to look like a failure? Even the UK Press Gazette, the rather continus trade magazine, talks of the Express as "still in free fall".

Certainly the ABC figures for December 1996 make dreadful reading for Lord Stevens's and Lord Hollick's United News & Media group. The average daily sales of the Express slumped to 1.134.870, giving it a lead of just 2500 over The Daily Telegraph.

That is a fall of more than 10 per cent compared with December 1995, while the rolling six-month average figure is down 5.3 per cent. Over the same period, the sixmonth figure for the Daily Mail is up 11.3 per cent at 2,090,503. The Sunday edition of the Express is

faring even worse. Year on year its sales have dropped 13.6 per cent while The Mail on Sunday has continued to edge upwards So, despite heavy investment in extrapaging and new glossy magazines, has The

Express's big idea for une staff to produce a PAPER ROUND seven-day paper been a failure? Not surprisingly

Stephen Grahiner.

chief executive of United Newspapers. says no. The decline in The Express's fortunes was never going to be turned round in one month or even a year," he says, "It's going to take a long time and a lot of money and we are confident that we will settle on

an upward trend." Mr Grabiner points to his January decision to lower the price of The Express to 20p every Saturday as a sign of the company's commitment to invest. The sales on Saturday have risen by 350,000 copies to 1.7 million, he claims, and the Sunday edition is up 100,000 with the help of special

35p vouchers.
Rivals accept that The Express's decision to join the price war, albeit belatedly, has increased this month's sales by about 50-60,000 a day. However, after the heavy investment and a huge redundancy programme, it is difficult to believe that The Express is now making any profit.

Complete and utter rubbish," retaliates Mr Grabiner. "We made money in '96 and we will make significantly more in '97 anyway the cost of the redundancies has been taken helow the line."

Jeremy Deedes, the managing director of the Telegraph, accepts that The Express's 20p Saturday price has, for the time being, stopped the rot, "But I believe that we will overtake them soon," he says. "The news-paper world can be very cruel. Their two new weekend magazines are not had but it is usually a bad time to add new products when you are going downhill, as we have seen at both The Express and The Observer. If the quality of the rest of the paper is not right it doesn't matter what extra paging or magazines you put in."

Mr Deedes, a former deputy editor of the Daily Express, argues that one of the fundamental problems facing his rival is its constant changes in editorial direction.

"One Editor has taken The Express downmarket the next upmarket and so on; those switches are very confusing, It becomes a rollercoaster ride in which readers fall off or jump off and they become more reluctant to return and take a new look."

Mr Deedes does not believe that price cutting will cure the ills of The Express. especially so long after The Times and The Sun cut their prices, "Price-cutting gives readers a false impression of what a newspaper costs to produce and it is difficult to put the price back up without losing sales. The argues.

The Express's chronic problems are rooted more in journalism than in marketing, he argues. "I have always operated on the basis that every successful national newspaper has to provide something that is the best". The Times may have the best fetters or perhaps leaders (although 1 don't believe that myself).

"The Telegraph has the best sports and

news coverage. The Mail is very good at what I call white trash journalism polemic and women's leatures - but when you come to The Express it's dif-

ficult to see where it is absolutely the best. At Associated Newspapers senior executives believe that the seven-day experiment at The Express is a dud. Cynically, they suggest that it was principally a way of sacking 80 journalists to reduce costs rather than a great editorial innovation.

Where seven-day papers with one staff are successful in America, there is little or no competition. In Britain The Express faces enormous pressure from II national dailies and nine aggressive Sunday rivals. Without specific editor and staff dedicated to planning and creating a Sunday edition, it is difficult to see The Express on Sundays regaining some of the 930,000 copies by which it trails The Mail on Sunday.

The gap between The Express and the Mail continues to widen and in what may prove a major psychological blow to The express. Associated executives claim that the Daily Mail is also poised to outsell The Express in Scotland where once the Crusader seemed unassailable.

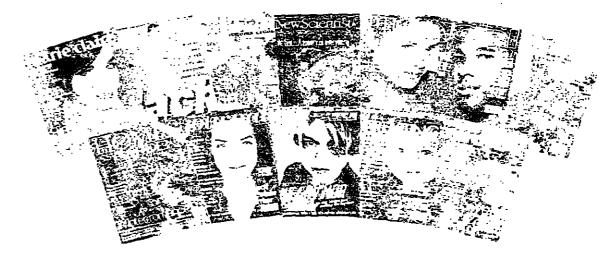
Sir David English, chairman of Associated Newspapers, says: "We welcome the hattle and rather than cutting our price we are investing in quality journalism. It is up to the public to decide what they prefer."

Mr Grabiner remains unabashed: "We are very happy with the seven-day venture so far ... Of course, there is still a lot to do and it won't be done overnight. We are going to put in more money, money that was not available to past editors, and we are doubling the amount of colour."

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# Sales push for capital property

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Christopher Warman reports on the forthcoming Cannes exhibition

entral London's prime properties will be on show this year in Cannes, thanks to an enormous scale model of the capital and its main commercial buildings built by the London model makers Pipers International.

The model is the centrepiece of a concerted Landon-wide presence at Mipim, the largest international property market in the world, which takes place

The model itself reflects the value of the London market. At 14.5 metres long and 4.5 metres wide, it cost £1.3 million to build. This elaboratelydetailed model of London in miniature is the most expensive and biggest of its kind, displaying 30,000 of the capital's buildings, and it took 12 model makers a year to build from wood and Perspex. It covers a total of 39 square miles of central London, from King's Cross to Victoria and from Paddington to London City Airport. The makers claim to have omitted nothing from the London skyline. They are even, cheekily, intending to place in the City the proposed Millennium Tower. Sir Norman Foster's controversial 00-storey building.

Hi-tech wizardry links the huge model in a computer. which can light up office vacancies at a touch. Touchscreen technology can provide further information about the selected site, offering information about not only the building, but details about the surrounding area, including Tube and train connections. restaurants and shops. From the model, international firms will get both an overview of the capital and information about vacant office space.

The model is the brainchild of Barry McKengh, chief execurive of Pipers International, and has been championed by St Martin's Property Corporation Ltd: Greycoat plc: the British Land Company ple Canary Wharf Ltd: Spitalfields Development Group; NatWest Group Property: SPP: Wates City of London Properties: and Land

The London stand at Mipim will be the largest at the property show, and will assemble the key groups involved in promoting the capital, such as private sector owners and developers, and organisations including the London Docklands Development Corporation. London



This £1.3 million model of London's centre will be used to illustrate the city's attractions to international buyers

First and the City of London Land Securities, which has

never previously marketed outside the UK, has signed up. Other exhibitors include Scottish Widows, insurance brokers Bain Hogg, Waterman International, Oscar Faber. The Whinney-McKay-Lewis Partnership, Swanke Hayden

Connell. Sheppard Robson. Gensler, BH2, Spitalfields Development Group, St Martin's Property Corporation Ltd. Greycoat plc, Canary Wharf Ltd, the British Land Company plc and international solicitors Stephenson Harwood.

Explaining the enthusiasm for the London stand, John Pike, chief executive and prop-

erty partner with Stephenson Harwood, comments: "We have taken part since the festival began seven years ago. and we have been part of the London First stand for the past four years. This exhibition allows us to do business with property professionals from all over the world as well as being an excellent way to

global market,"

 The Mipim market takes place from March 13-16, and is expected to attract some 7,000 property professionals from around the world. (Further information from David Schindler at Reed Midem. Tel: 0171-528 0086)

East of London is set for regeneration

# Lift-off for Thames Gateway revival

THE feeling of growing opti-mism in the market, illustrated by the large British presence at the Mipim show, finds another expression with developments affecting the Thames Gateway, the swath of land stretching from the Royal Docks in east London to Tilbury, Essex, on the north bank of the Thames, and from Greenwich to Sheerness in Kent on the south.

Renamed Thames Gateway from the previous East London Corridor when the Government launched a new initiative in 1995, it is the subject of a commitment to stop the drift of development to the west of London.

The Gateway has received endorsement of its importance for the Government by winning over £130 million in regeneration bids - the largest sum for any region. On February 4 and 5 there

is to be a conference on Thames Gateway, organised by Gateway Publishing & Events, which also publishes a magazine, Thames Gateway Initiatives: The event is sup-ported by English Partner-ships, the Government's regeneration arm. Thames Gateway London Partnership, North Kent Success, and the London Docklands Development Corporation, which together form the basis for action to regenerate the 4,000 hectares of land available for

.development Speakers include David Curry, the regeneration minister, and Frank Dobson, Labour's spokesman on London and transport - a key ingredient in improving the infrastructure. The decision to site stations on the Channel Tunnel high-speed rail link at Ebbsfleet, near Dartford, and at Stratford, is crucial to

future developments. The conference will also cover the economy, employment benefits, education and technology, tourism and the millennium festival.

Zena Phillips of Gateway

Publishing & Events, believes this largest regeneration area in Europe is poised for progress after a slow start. Two years ago the private knew about the Thames Gateway, but did not know what was happening because the marketing was not effective. We do notice now an unsurge in interest. It is beginning to happen." Conference information

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# Flying the cultural flag in Hong Kong

the last royal duty to the Crown Colony of Hong Kong, the Princess Royal will open the British Council's striking new building. Designed by Terry Farrell, with its prowlike façade pointing imperi-ously down Supreme Court Road into the skyscraper-congested Central District, the new headquarters is a defiant British statement.

But why, just five months before Britain hands dominion over Hong Kong to the Chinese, has the British taxpayer stumped up £11 million for such a gesture? The answer is that the British Council is not only staying in Hong Kong after the handover, but expanding its operations throughout China.

Better known overseas than at home, the British Council was founded more than 60 years ago as a propaganda agency and has developed into a global cultural mission. In 1948 its Hong Kong operation was set up in a couple of Nissen huts, and its principal job remains the teaching of English. This not only spreads English-language culture globally, but also earns Britain £7 billion a year and opens

Hong Kong and China now constitute the prime target for the council's cultural ambitions. "The arts are vital to us. and not just as a safety valve when all other outlets have been repressed; they are of long-term benefit politically and economically," says Tom Buchanan, director of the British Council in Hong Kong. "If you want to project an image of Britain's connection with the avant-garde and innovation, which we must here, it's through the arts that you can

From Nigel Kennedy to the RSC, British artists will still be going east

after June. Simon Tait reports

Martin-in-the-Fields comes in June with Nigel Kennedy and Julian Lloyd Webber. The 40-

strong chamber orchestra will

be augmented by the brightest

local students to create a full

symphony orchestra, plus chorus, for a rendition of

Beethoven's Ninth Symphony,

Contemporary Dance School

Then in August the London

comes to the APA

to give workshops

and performances;

in March the jazz

composer Stan

Tracey will bring

his band, followed

in April by the Richard Alston

Dance Company. Both will tour

mainland China,

as will the Acade-

my of St Martin,

cil help.

The urban and regional authorities of Hong Kong also

rely heavily on British Council

support to bring British per-

formers to their impressive

venues. Urban Services run

the Hong Kong Cultural

Centre, which comprises a

2,200-seat concert hall, where

the Academy of St Martin will

perform, and the London

Chamber Orchestra are due to

make return visits in 1997.

There is also a 1.700-seat

theatre which has put on Les

Misérables and Phantom of the Opera in the past 18 months, and in 1998 hopes to stage Miss Saigon: Cheek by Jowl is due this year, and

and English

Sinfonietta

card for all it's worth. The council's applitical nature is sacred. Next door to the new building is the British Consulate which will be our diplomatic presence, and Bu-chanan had to insist that the flagpole which was to have stood equidistant between the two should be moved as far away from the council building as possible, so as not to prejudice

the political neu-**6** We trality on which he trades. He looks beyond must play Hong Kong post-1997, to the potenthe arts goldmine card for across the border. China has said all it's that it plans to build 10,000 new worth 9 cities and the Brit-

Australians, French and Germans are all jostling for the trading contracts that this bold pledge

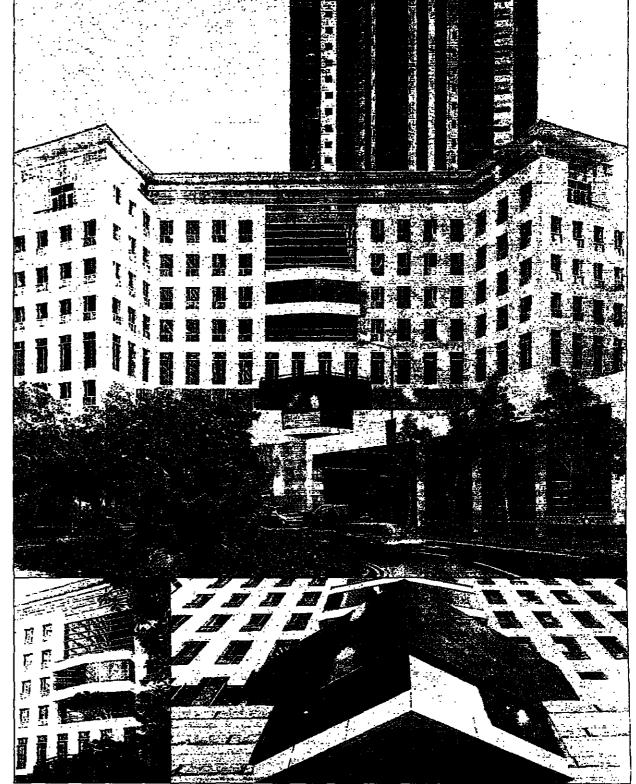
Hong Kong has anticipated the shift for years without quite knowing the implications. "Nobody overplays the political changeover, says Lo King Man, director of the Academy for Performing Arts, which was founded in 1986 with British Council help. "But perhaps we didn't move fast enough to distinguish our own cultural identity. The line between Western and Oriental culture is not all that clear."

The APA is a partner in one of the most ambitious artistic events of the changeover. negotiations are looking good with Nottingham Playhouse for its *Animal Farm*. Each of the outlying New

Territories communities has its own theatre of around 1,800 seats, hosting the likes of the National Youth Music Theatre, the Philharmonia and the Halle. But in June the highlight is likely to be the latest work of the collaborative English-Chinese company Chung Ying Theatre, with a children's play by the English lecturer Dino Mahoney about a child's flight through time from 19thcentury Britain to modern Hong Kong on the back of a dragon. It is one of eight productions that Chung Ying has scheduled for this year, subsidised by the new Hong Kong Arts Development Council, which is modelled on the Arts Council of England.

After the Chinese New Year

in February the Hong Kong Arts Festival begins, bringing the RSC's Midsummer Night's Dream and — a surprise box-office success the opera Marco Polo, commissioned by the Edinburgh performed there. Kau Ng. the festival's executive director, is cautiously optimistic. "Some in the arts community may have worries about what will happen, that more Chinese arts will be forced on us, but we have been told it is the intention to keep the system here as it is. The importance of the British Council in this has been longstanding and we are looking long into the future with them." And what of the spread into China? The British Council has offices in Peking and Shanghai, and a third opens this summer in Guangdong, formerly Canton, the province adjacent to Hung



Looking beyond the handover the new British Council headquarters in Hong Kong, designed by Terry Farrell

# Skirting issues in no little style

IT WAS hard to know what to expect from Project Arts Centre's new temporary home the Mint. down an alley and above a pool hall — and CoisCeim Dance Theatre is mischievously happy to exploit any uncertainty. Leading the audience into a bare studio setting, the company began to claim the space by jostling and flirting with their guests, many of whom obligingly took their seats on the floor, only to find when the lights came up a few moments later that the cast had all filtered off-stage and were now sitting in the auditorium.

glowering at them. It is CoisCéim's self-anpointed task to take in hand popular notions of contemporary Irish dance and lead them into fresh territory, far from any showbizzy Celtic extravaganza. The company's approach has been to create work that might as easily be called physical theatre as dance. Hit and Run. their latest production, does contain passages of straight-ish dance, but even then dancers are as likely to be moving to the sound of distant gunshots. police sirens or movie dialogue. Riverdance it ain t.

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Hit and Run Dublin

conter (Conor Kelly and Sam Park) are the key here, their crisp, clear 3D found sounds setting the tone, defining the space in which the dancers work every bit as much as Stephen McManus's cage of thin, bright light, or the cut-up video projections.

The strong setting provides an apt platform for some equally exciting work from CoisCeim's dancers. A sex scene hecomes a hilarious and surreal whirlpool of apologics and intertwined limbs: a joust between the male and female cast members leaves David Bolger (choreographer of the piece) hunched on the floor covered in blood, pleading for help that never arrives. Particularly outstanding was Simone Litchfield, who

danced with a degree of arrogant funkiness startling even here, where that quality was hardly in short supply. Hit and Run's most obvi ous shortcoming was that while taking on the subjects of urban Dublin, the piece never

explored them in any real sense. Instead. Bolger's choreography uses crime and violence as a springboard producing any number of great moments, without ever taking an authorial line. If Irish dance really is growing up, it may have to take more responsibility for its actions.

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f you did not already know his own flamenco group. "We who Paco Pena is, you had the absolute minimum. would not have much of a just a singer, myself on the chance trying to guess his profession by just looking at guitar and a husband and wife team of dancers. They were stunningly beautiful together, him. Unless, that is, you make a point of studying people's subtle and correct. We always performed authentic, tradihands. His are a giveaway. Small and delicate, but power-ful, they could easily belong to tional flamenco. That has always been my aim, to keep as a concert pianist, but Peña is a close as possible to the real flamenco guitarist, a man

whose heart lies among the The "real flamenco", howhot rhythms and drumming ever, is difficult to pin down. heels of his native Spain. For a start, it is never written There are those who would down (anything scored on a page will be phoney. Peña say that he is the flamenco guitarist, the best in the world. says). Its musicians obey no And he may well be. We will laws but those of gravity, and be able to judge for ourselves the music and movements when his troupe begins a seem to exist only in the minds month-long residency of their maker. "None of us Sadler's Wells Peacock Thecan read music." Peña savs. atre on February 4. Only the most basic structure is decided in advance and the

"London has always been good to me," he says, "I first came in the mid-1960s as an rest is improvisation.\* And that is how it always has been, ever since the beginaccompanist with a flamenco nings of flamenco in the late group. I had a small solo spot and it was an enormous 15th century, when the Spansuccess, so much so that it almost frightened me. I ish reinvasion left Andalusia in turnioil, with Arabs, Jews couldn't believe how popular and Gypsies wandering the hills, dispussessed and destisolo flamenco guitar could be, because in Spain guitarists tute, huddling together for

always play with the group." When Pena returned in P68, his first concert was at the Festival Hall, where he shared the stage with Jimi Hendrix, "He was the lead act, but it was a sort of guitar festival in which I had the flamenco slot. Again I got an amazing response. A fire was lit in me and I started doing concerts all around Europe. But somehow Lundon was where people had the strongest craving for exotic things like flamencu."

In the early 1970s he set up



Paco Peña: "London has always been good to me"

cultural warmth and producing the songs of persecution and suffering that have become the core of the repertory. The present form of flamenco crystallised about 250 years ago, but more recent musical trends from all over influence on the development

of sounds," Peña says. "It is more sharply rhythmical. more syncopated with more aggressive harmonies, Jazz has been absorbed too, but we also try to stay as true to the original as possible."

The world's best flamenco guitarist - probably - is in his second home for a concert season. Joanna Pitman reports

Pena was never taught flamenco - in fact, he claims it is virtually impossible to teach it Rather it is a sort of frame of mind, a natural instinct. Peña himself has the prototype flamenco background; his life has been moulded with the single intention of rising out of the poverty of his birth.

He grew up in a family of nine children, sharing a house with ten other families in Cordoba, "We were poor, we were crowded. But we had a sort of communal spirit. Whenever there was a feast. everyone would sing or dance or play the guitar, improvising as we went along. My elder brother had a guitar and he taught me a few chords when I was six. I saw that it was the only thing that might take me out of that house, I joined folk music groups and then at 14 I

Pena has come far since

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Rising stars in the arts firmament

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What did she say? Statements such as: New writing has become increasingly fashionable recently and it is up to Paines Plough to ride the crest of that wave," and: "It is important to create and develop new works to further our literary heritage."

Does she not feel that she might be too young? "1 know it sounds arrogant, but not really. I've done so many different things and I feel that this job ties them all



together. I relish the opportunity to stand up and be

What experience has she had? A lot. She studied drama at Manchester University, and after deciding that she was never going to make 'a terribly good actress" she turned to directing. She has been an

assistant director and the 1904 lestival director at the West Yorkshire Playhouse, a project director at Northern Stage in Newcastle, the resident director at the Octagon Theatre in Bolton, and the associate director of the Bush Theatre.

What sort of works has she directed? At least 16 plays, ranging from A Christmas Carol to Kvetch and from A Midsummer Night's Dream to The Glass Menageric. Plenty of new works too.

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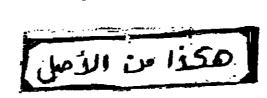
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Stoned by Crowes

t is easy to see why the Black Crowes enjoy such popularity, particularly with an audience too young to have seen the Rolling Stones in their pomp. At times the band sounds as if it is giving us the follow-up to the sublime Exile on Main Street

that the Stones never made. No wonder the old boys invited the Crowes to play support on 1995's

Cambridge Voodoo Lounge tour: somebody had to show it can still be which the singer is developing The Crowes sounded mag-

nificent at the start of their British tour at the Cambridge Corn Exchange. This was an old-fashioned rock band in its prime, full of sound and fury signifying -- well, to be honest, nothing much more than hav-

ing a good time. Hailing from Atlanta, they are an irresistible part of the great Southern tradition of boogie bands, the twin guitars of Rich Robinson and Marc Ford often recalling the heyday of the Allman Brothers and Lynyrd Skynyrd, with more than a passing nod to Little Feat. The songs may not

indelibly implant themselves in your brain, whether you like it or not. Much of the material was drawn from their most recent album. Three Snakes and One Charm. But the best song of the night was not one of their own but a dynamic version of Gram Parsons's She, spotlighting

The Black Crowes

Less appealing was one of the tantrums for a reputation after someone threw beer at the stage. However stupid the incident, his response was petulant and equally reprehensible. Thankfully. Robinson swiftly

Chris Robinson's

classic rock

apologised and the Crowes got back on track. The average age of the largely student audience was early twenties, and most of the band's young followers would probably laugh if you told them that the Stones were once the greatest live rock'n'roll band in the world. The rest of us were left sighing over the memories the Black Crowes



be particularly memorable, but the riffs are the kind that No time to

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be aloof

NOW established as an annual ritual, the Brais awards were initiated by the Ausical Express three years ago as a response to the pop industry's ailing Brits ceremony. One spin-off from this alternative celebration of modern music is the pre-awards buildup, which includes a week of London shows featuring mostly new and leftfield talents. Kicking off this run iast Saturday night was the Vibes all-nighter at Highbury's Rocket Club, a showcase of experimental dance music attended by 1,200 revellers and a smattering of minor rock stars. Two years ago, at the first of these

Rocket gatherings, the rapid-fire chatter of jungle was a mere sideshow. Since retitled drum-and-bass, this

brought back. NIGEL WILLIAMSON powerful new form proved to be allpervasive on Saturday, infiltrating not just the carefully textured electronic landscapes of Spring Heel Jack but also the stark computerised sympho-nies of Mu-ziq and Bochum Welt. In

> relentlessly aggressive beats to a largely packed dancefloor. But there were other rackets on offer. One of the loudest came from Amsterdam's Jeroen Hofs, alias Eboman, whose brutally mangled and distorted set veered dangerously close to thrash metal at times. Birminghan Bentley Rhythm Ace provided an hour of equally energetic junk-shop funk, glossing over their occasional lulls by flaunting comical stage uniforms of police helmets and fluorescent radiation suits.

addition, there was a dedicated drum-and-bass room where DIs dished out

Brighton's The Aloof slowed the pace down with their more traditional, song-based approach, delivering the odd anthem and several rumbling torch songs. But they were the exception, an oasis of soulful calm in an otherwise enjoyably noisy night.

STEPHEN DALTON

# The Black Crowes, still working on the perfect follow-up to Exile on Main Street Flying

solos **Andrew Hill** 

Oueen Elizabeth Hall

ALTHOUGH the planist Andrew Hill is among the most prominent survivors of Blue Note's 1960s heyday, he does not fit easily into any of the musical categories — chief among them hard bop or soul jazz - most frequently associated with the label. His music has always been highly individual, relying for its considerable effect on almost imperceptible shifts of rhythm and timbre.

His following is small but passionate, and the London-based branch was out in force for this concert, drawn not only by the rareness of Hill's British gigs in recent years, but by a presti-gious rhythm section. Bassist Reggie Workman is best remembered for his work with John Coltrane, but has

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lately-become one of pianist Marilyn Crispell's most sympathetic collaborators, while Pheeroan aklaff, a crisp. versatile drummer, is as at home with straightahead jazz or even reggae as with the more adventurous music of the likes of Oliver Lake or Henry Threadgill. The trio began as it meant to go on:

with a free-sounding but tightly organised three-way improvisation spun from a relatively simple central motif. The customary head-solos-head structure of much jazz was eschewed in favour of a variety of approaches: solos might spiral off a repeated bass figure, or rumbling improvisations might suddenly coalesce into sombre melodies. Throughout, however, the music was kept tight and cogent.

Hill's is a rich, almost cluttered sound in which silence, sudden but subtle dynamic and textural shifts, and odd splashes of instrumental colour are more important than overt virtuosity. His music is thus often regarded as difficult; the standing ovation the trio received on completing their 80-minute set was therefore all the more welcome. CHRIS PARKER

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# Epic hymn to a Renaissance man

OPERA: As Covent Garden rehearses

Palestrina, Ian Brunskill meets the director of Pfitzner's masterpiece

from its defenders, it is Hans Pfitzner's Palestrina. Premiered in Munich in 1917, and receiving its first fully professional British staging next week at Covent Garden, it has long been revered by those who fin the words of one of their bogeymen, Pierre Boulez) suffer from a nostalgia for the past as a paradise lost [and] react violently against a future that seems to them to be a terrifying nightmare". Which has rather ended to put off everyone else.

It certainly put off Nikolaus Lehnhoff, at least at first. Now in his late fifties, but with the energy and enthusiasm of a man two decades younger, the German director is best known to British audiences for the outstanding Janaček cycle he began ten years ago at Glyndebourne. His Munich production of Hans Werner Henze's Prince of Homburg was also seen at English National Opera last year, and it was the British premiere of the same composer's Das verratene Meer that he originally planned to do at Covent Garden. When that idea ran into problems, he was surprised to be asked by the Royal Opera's Nicholas Payne if hewould like to tackle Palestrina

"My first reaction was: Palestrina? Er ... yes. It's a German opera. My second was: please can I go away and think about it!"

Lehnhoff blames Pfitzner himself for the work's rather gloomy reputation. The composer's character, he says, "has done his music no good". Insecure, quarrelsome and ambitious. Pfitzner was "caught between so many stools". His polemical conservatism and nationalism spiritual and idealistic at first, but increasingly politicised by the First World War — cannot be overlooked, but they have "covered up what is interesting in his work; there are so many things that you have to push aside if you want to

It is an essence well worth

has a brilliant text, by the composer himself, and it's first-rate music."
For Thomas Mann, one of its earliest and most ardent admirers. Palestrina marked the end of an era - a last, late product of a 19thcentury tradition, the funeral hymn of Romantic opera". In it,

and in its view of artistic inspira-tion. Mann discerned a "sympathy with death", which Lehnhoff explains as a very 19th-century, very German idea of getting your spiri-tual roots from something which doesn't exist, which was there but which is now gone. So that you have to establish something inside yourself to make up for it."

ut that, Lehnhoff feels, is only half the story. Pfitzner had an uneasy relationship with modernity, and he dramatises it in his (fictional) account of the 16thcentury composer Palestrina's reto the debates about musical innovation that accompanied the Council of Trent. But Palestrina - not least for the selfconsciousness with which it considers what is possible and desirable in contemporary music - is a powerfully modern opera; to Bruno Walter, 30 years after he conducted the first performance, it remained "one of the mightiest stage works of the century

Lehnhoff had known of the work and its composer since childhood, but they "had never been part of my musical or artistic life". An elderly aunt of his had witnessed and told him of the occasion in Strasbourg when Plitzner, as music director, had had to step in for an indisposed Beckinesser midway through Mei-stersinger; and as a student in Vienna and Munich, he had seen Palestrina several times himself. But he had always been impressed less by the work than by the great performers it attracted: Julius Parzak, Christa Ludwig, Sena Jurinac, Fritz Wunderlich and Hans Hotter (who once said





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"Whatever its influences, Palestrina has its own musical impetus," says Nikolaus Lehnhoff, "It's not Wagnerian or Straussian. It's not atmospheric: it's archaic music"

The difficulty of fielding singers of that calibre throughout the opera's huge cast is one of the obstacles facing any new staging: but with the highly regarded American-born tenor Thomas Moser making his Covent Garden debut in the title role, and a supporting line-up that includes Thomas Allen, Kurt Rydl, Sergei Leiferkus and Nicolai Gedda, the Royal Opera looks set to meet that particular challenge.

Meeting the work's other chal-lenges is Lehnhoff's problem. Covent Garden's last venture into Pfitzner's Cardinal Borromeo was the darker corners of the German discovering, he insists. "Palestrina" his favourite role after Wotan). repertory was with another classic impose your style; the style must content reflects Meistersinger."

"Künstlerdrama", Hindemith's Mathis der Maler: a work which, like Palestrina, explores - through a fictionalised account of a historical artist's life — the relationship between art and the world in which it is made. On that occasion, a baffling and boring production did a rarely seen opera less than justice, as Hindemith's score was buried beneath the banal obsessions of the director, Peter Sellars.

Lehnhoff is anxious to avoid a similar mistake. He has never cultivated a recognisable directorinature". "You always have to look first into the work. Do not reflects Parsifal, but a lot of the

come out of the piece. I learnt that from Wieland Wagner — I was his last assistant at Bayreuth - though you might not immediately associate it with him.

"First of all," he says, "you have to tell the story." Especially when the work is unfamiliar. He relishes the challenge of introducing an audience to a piece it may not know. "It helps me to look anew at an opera."

In Germany Palestrina is too often viewed through a veil of piety, which Lehnhoff was determined to "The form of the work

What is needed is "less Schopenhauer and more Freud", if Palestrina's epic structure is to be brought to theatrical life. Otherwise, "the

whole thing just floats away". Lehnhoff refuses to be perturbed by Pfitzner's diatribes against musical "futurism". "Today you get the sense that there was this total conflict between separate camps. But it was not so clear-cut. Pfitzner conducted Mahler and Mahler conducted him; he invited Schoenberg to conduct his own pieces in Strasbourg, and Schoenberg defended him after the Second World of its own time, and of ours.

had to agree that he was a master.

Nobody mentions that." The image of Plitzner valiantly defending tradition against the onslaughts of his iconuclastic contemporaries does less than justice to his music's originality. "Whatever its influences, it has its own impetus." Lehnhoff says. "It's not Wagnerian or Straussian. It's not atmospheric music; it's archaic, expressive music. In that it's closer to Schoenberg. It's not the music of the 19th century." Even as it looks to the past, Pützner's masterpiece is

 Palestrina opens next Tuesday at the world was not his world, but he Royal Opera House (0171-30) 4000)

#### CONCERTS: High-quality recital by a young violinist let down by the Bridgewater acoustics; plus a difficult debut for a new assistant conductor

## Seriously fine playing

THERE is no more serious violinist than Midori. There is, it is true, a calculated mystique about her - what's her other name, where's she from, how old is she? - but this is a matter of what is withheld

from the public rather than and piano repertoire. Even so, what is revealed to it in a wet

Her recital programmes seem, moreover, designed to deter all but the most committed enthusiast for the violin

as at Symphony Hall three years ago, Midori and Mc-Donald (Robert McDonald, if that is not giving too much away) attracted an impressively large following to the Bridgewater Hall at the week-

If the Manchester audience heard the violinist not quite at

> Midori Manchester

because, with a large and empty space on the platform behind her, the acoustic was

too reverberant to project a

focused sound into the audito-

rium. There were attendant

problems with balance and with clarity in the piano part too. But these were marginal considerations in comparison with the rare opportunity to experience committed interpretations of works by George Enescu and Nicolas Flagello, between more familiar items by Mozart and César Franck. The American composer's Declamation, Op 54 - written 30 years ago in much the same romantic tradition as the Franck Sonata — survived the conditions more or less intact. Enesco's Sonata No 3 in A minor, on the other hand, is a very much more delicate growth, its textures minutely detailed to reflect the natural and folk-instrumental sounds of the Romanian countryside. Such poetic moments as the beginning of the nocturnal slow movement, where violin

harmonics are exotically in-

flected over quietly repeated notes high on the piano.

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London Symphony Orchestra's new assistant conductor, was made to work hard in Thursday's lengthy Barbican concert. But he also appeared to enjoy himself in the pre-miere of Stephen Montague's The Creatures Indoors, a 45-

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among other things to provide the "hiss" of snakes and the grand chorus of musical boxes" that evokes a bewitching dreamscape towards the end. Benjamin Luxon's lively narration kept the audience enthralled. Beginning in grandfatherly storytelling tones, he soon leapt into menacing action as a hungry vulture, slipping in and out of speech-song. Performances like this should open many new ears to music as the work is taken up by seven other orchestras around the country (the next performance is in Reading on February 4).

The rest of the programme focused on three contrasting

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require an intimate setting. It is an indication of the quality of the performance, and of the concern of the two instrumentalists for balance and blend of colour, that so much of Enescu's uniquely inspired scoring made its evocative effect even here.

aspect of Midori's playing is its emotional involvement. Certainly, although Mozart's Sonata in F. K 376, was scarcely the kind of work she could identify with, Franck's Sonata in A excited much expressive spontaneity in both the violinist and her hard-pressed pianist. It was just a pity that, tiring towards the end of the recital, she allowed her intonation to wander off-centre. In two Kreisler encores - in the melodic grace of School Rosmarin and the unlikely ragtime charm of Syncopations - equanimity was

#### only really proved himself with an account of a suite from Stravinsky's Firebird, strong on atmosphere and colour. In Mozart he was dull and minute piece for narrator and

playing from the LSO's principal oboist. Roy Carter, the Oboe Concerno in C never sparkled, though the orchestra's fine strings played with bold attack. But the normally magnificent LSO was hardly



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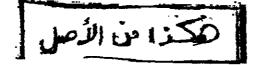


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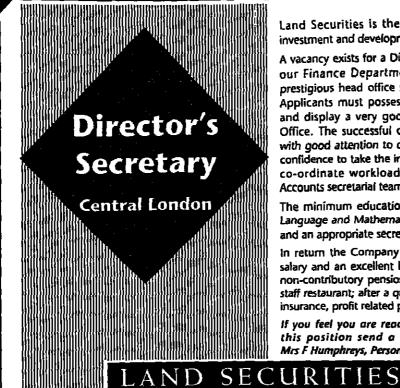
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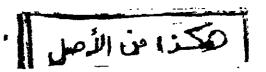
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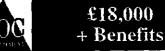
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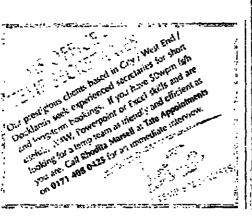
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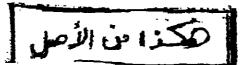
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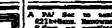
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# England aiming to expand on hosts' limited horizons

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THE fact that England appear latest in a bewildering seable to beat New Zealand even quence of New Zealand coachwhen they can beat almost nobody else preys heavily on the national psyche here. Of all the significant nations in the cricket world, New Zealand stand alone in treating England with a deference they hardly deserve.

Since the start of the 1990s. England have lost nine Test series and won only five. Three of those victories have come against New Zealand; 1-0 in each of the short home series in 1990 and 1994 and 20 in the last three-match rubber in this country.

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years since New Zealand won a Test match against England, which may help to explain the local pessimism with a new series about to begin. Whether or not it was valid to claim that England carried a superi-ority complex to Zimbabwe. the issue does not arise here. It is New Zealand suffering the complex and it is one born of inferiority.

Events on this tour have reinforced the feeling. England have become bad travellers of late, apparently unable to adapt to alien conditions, yet here, where the climate, the culture and the pitches are evocative of home, they win routinely. The players are content here; they expect to win: One senses that most of New Zealand expects it, too.

The mood was summed up yesterday by Blair Pocock, who captained the Northern Districts side beaten inside. three days by the touring team. Pocock will open the New Zealand batting on Friday, but he was not exactly talking a good game when he said: "I've seen all their bowlers now and they are a

will not go down well with leading players away from Steve Rixon. His job, as the four and five-day cricket.

quence of New Zealand coaches, is to instil greater self-belief. He began by having to overcome resemment that the post had gone to an Austra-lian, but his methods and man-management are now attracting praise

Rixon, the Australia wicketkeeper for 13 Tests up to 1985 and more recently a successful coach of New South Wales. has called on two of New Zealand cricket's role models, Martin Crowe and Sir Richard Hadlee, for help. Such men would have excelled in any era but, since their departure, New Zealand have

Daryl Foster, 58, yesterday meed his retirement as the Kent coach for personal reasons. The former coach of Western Australia had been with the county for five years.

not come close to replacing

The role models now are the likes of Stephen Fleming and Simon Doull, players whose popularity is based more on fashion and expectation than solid accomplishments. Apart from the charismatic Chris Cairns, the New Zealand side lacks star quality and the shallowness of the talent pool is expressed by the continued presence in the team of Dipak Patel, 38, and the fact that Roger Twose would be an automatic selection had he not declared himself unavailable. Neither was near to England selection before opting for a new nationality.
The problems are exacerbat-

ed by the attempts of the marketing men, prevalent here, to create a new audience for cricket. The effect has been If that hints at fatalism, it to deflect the attention of the

It is not just the one-day internationals toisted upon the national team, nor even the domestic Shell Cup limitedovers league, that have occupied them since early December. Just to add to the unhelpful distractions. New Zealand now play something called Cricket Max.

This is the brainchild, if it can be dignified as such, of Crowe, and it involves, believe it or not, completing a two-innings match inside 3½ hours. Each innings lasts ten overs and double runs can be scored for straight hits passing between two flag-waving sentries, so that teams think nothing of chasing 30 or more in the final over.

The games are staged on Sunday afternoons and are doubtless great fun to watch in a frenetic, athletic, unsophisticated way. They bear little resemblance to the real thing, however, and, as they are often scheduled between days of a first-class fixture, do little for a player's technical stability.

Cricket may be heading this way all over the world, with some places just moving more slowly than others, but the impression is that New Zealand are hotfooting it to an untapped market for the new millennium. Even their regulation one-day games are now subject to mid-match "entertainment" that would make Long Room moustaches twirl. Amid such contrivance and

danger of losing its identity in New Zealand and it will be fascinating to see how the public responds in Auckland this coming weekend. Many, I suspect, will prefer to wait for the one-day jamboree next month - not just because a party comes with the package, but because there is a confidence that New Zealand can

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# Bledsoe aims to keep date with eternity

Oliver Holt on the

talented quarterback

determined to fulfil his potential at last

n hour in New Orleans, Blanche Dubois says in A Streetcar Named Desire, is not just an hour but "a little piece of eternity dropped imo your hands". On Sunday evening, at the Louisiana Superdome here, the pieces will not be so much dropping as hurtling into outstretched palms, propelled there by the arm of Drew Bledsoe.

Bledsoe is a young man for whom the words of Tennessee Williams have more relevance than most. A quarterback who was promised eternity before his professional career with New England Patriots had



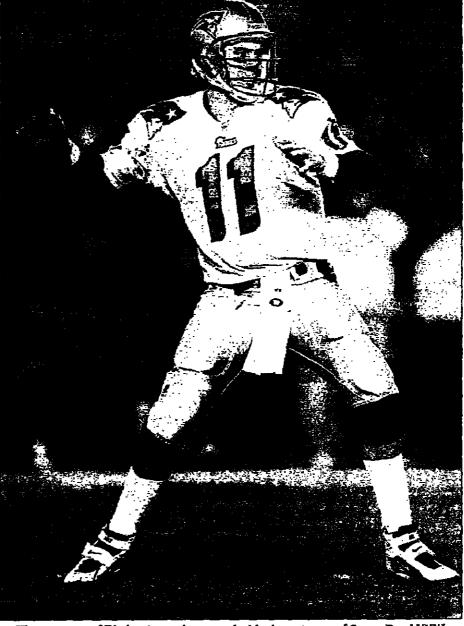
really started, he seemed to have had it ripped away when the critics turned on him last season and said that they must have been mistaken about his

nascent greatness. In four days, though, when the Patriots take on Green Bay Packers in Super Bowl XXXI. Bledsoe, 24, could win it all back. If he can inspire his team to a surprise victory over the Packers and do what he has hardly ever done before, by performing to his potential in a crucial game, he will finally establish himself as the leader of the new generation of quarterbacks, the heir to Dan Marino, Jim Kelly and John

"This is the chance for me to prove that I am a great player," Bledsoe said yesterday, "When people look back, they class great quarterbacks as the ones who have played well in Super Bowls and won Super Bowls.

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"Statistics and touchdown passes and how many interceptions you threw; those are things that are looked at from day to day and from week to week. When they look back ten



The accuracy of Bledsoe's passing may decide the outcome of Super Bowl XXXI

years from now, nobody is going to remember what my passing efficiency rating was during the season, but they will say: 'Hey, he had a great game in the Super Bowi. This is the ultimate showcase."

Bledsoe possesses an arm so strong that his team-mates say he could throw the ball across the Mississippi as it wends its way lugubriously through the city towards its delta. The Patriots rely on that arm and. if Bledsoe does not play well on Sunday, the Packers will win the Super Bowl.

It has been that way since New England made Bledsoe the No I pick in the college draft of 1993. He excelled in his first season and in his second he led the National Football League in passing with 4,555 yards, quickly becoming the youngest player to pass for more than 10,000 yards.

New England knew a jewel when they saw one and made him one of the highest-paid

handing him a seven-year contract extension worth \$42 million (about £25 million). That was when the trouble started. Two dislocated shoulders disrupted last season and he lost his confidence. In 1995 he was the lowest-rated quarterback in the American Foothall Conference.

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'Maybe when I signed the contract," Bledsoe said. "I felt a little like I was making as much as 15 players, so I tried to

do more than just my job. Instead of playing like I always had. I started to think about what more I could do. At the start of this season 1 realised it was time to get back to what I am."

His instincts will have to be pin sharp, his arm at its strongest, if the Patriots are to beat the Packers, who, as befits the National Football Conference champions, are prohibitive favourites. Green Bay, with their own gifted quarterback, Brett Favre, rarely fail to put a healthy quota of points on the board and the onus will be on Bledsoe to provide the riposte.

e is not a running, scrambling quarter-back. When he gets the ball, he tends to stay where he is, in the pocket formed by his offensive linemen, waiting to throw to an available receiver. This season the magic has returned. He led the Patriots to Il wins out of 16 games in the regular season and destroyed Pittsburgh Steelers in the first of the play-offs with an early passing barrage.

He has also been helped by the development of the rookie wide receiver. Terry Glenn, the continued excellence of the right end, Ben Coates, and the mellowing of his relationship with Bill Parcells, the hot-tempered New England coach.

Some critics have accused him of losing his nerve when he is confronted with onrushing defensive linemen. At the end of last season, one of the Boston newspapers called him a little weenie who can't cooe under pressure". Reggie White, the most fearsome of the Packers who will line up against Bledsoe, hinted at the same thing. "When he's hot, he's hot." White said. "But if you can get some pressure on him, you can get him rattled."

Even that problem, though. should be possible for Bledsoe to solve. A native of Walla Walla, Washington State, he has the unflappable air of a laid-back country boy and his wife, Mara, says he has taught her patience. If he is protected a little from White and his cohorts, that patience should see him through.

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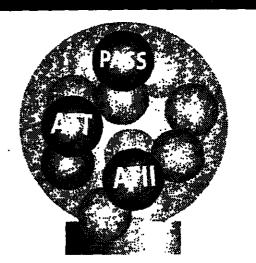
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**FOOTBALL** 

# Stockport live up to new image

By Peter Ball

and country club hotel, usually home to the Cheshire Set, is also accustomed to providing a base for leading teams. Germany used it in the summer and yesterday so did Stockport County, preparing for their Coca-Cola Cup quarter-final against Southampton tunight.

It was not a one-off. Stockport have been using Mottram Hall, with its custom-laid pitch - a replica of Wembley - throughout the cold spell. "People might say little old Stockport', but we still try to do the same things as Premiership clubs, to stay in nice hotels and have good training facilities." Dave Jones, the manager, said.

That shows how things have changed. A few years ago, The Times ran a series about the special difficulties of small, impecunious clubs living in the shadows of the game's giants. Tranmere Rovers and Stockport were almost archetypal examples.

Now Tranmere are an established first division club and Stockport are bidding to join them under Jones, a bubbly Merseysider. There is a spanking new stand at Edgeley Park, once one of the Football League's most downat-heel venues, and progress on the field has been equally

We've got a lot of stability in the club, we don't have to sell to survive." Jones said. The ground is being modernised and we feel we've got a squad which can take us into the first division."

The club began making strides under Danny Bergara. their passionate Uruguayan manager. Under Jones, they have won a reputation as a footballing side, although he ascribes that partly to the sale

MOTTRAM HALL, the golf of Kevin Francis to Birmingham City. "if you've got a oft 7in striker, then use him. But now I haven't, so I've brought in the likes of Tom Bennett and Chris Marsden, who aren't going to hoof it," Jones said. My ideal team is ten players who are comfortable on the ball all over the pitch. but it's taken a year to get

He has taken advantage of the Bosman ruling to bring in his Portuguese midfield play-er, Luis Cavaco, whom he predicts will become a "big player". Cavaco may not be the only one.

When we put out our !! best players. I think all !! could play in the Premiership - not as a team, but all of them could lit into Premiership teams and do a job," Jones said.

Blackburn Rovers and West Ham United have already discovered their quality this season. Will Southampton be next? Stockport supporters certainly believe so. They expect you to win every game now," Jones said. "but for us to win against Southampton, every player has got to perform to the best of his ability, and then hope that Southampton don't. We aren't going out to show them we're just as good, we have to be ourselves. That's what we've done in the past rounds. If you aren't a dribbler, don't dribble; if you're a good passer, then pass. That's all we've tried to do." Live television coverage adds extra spice to the

Jones yesterday was waiting for fitness news of Brett Angell, his most expensive signing at £100,000 and the scorer the goal that eliminated West Ham. "I think he paid back his fee with that goal," Jones said.

occasion.



Fabrizio Ravanelli, right, jokes with Paolo Maldini, his Italy team-mate, during training vesterday. Report, page 48

# Bookmaker may be worth gamble

By Russell Kempson

MICHAEL TABOR is a wealthy bookmaker - is there a poor one? - and a lifelong West Ham United supporter. He recently offered a £30 million injection to the FA Carling Premiership club and, in return, requested a place on the board. West Ham thought about it and politely declined.

After the 2-0 defeat by Leeds United at Upton Park on Monday, which confirmed the side's slide into the bottom three of the Premiership, West Ham should perhaps reconsider Tabor's offer. A swift infusion of money may be their only way out.

West Ham, beset by injuries and bereft of ideas, were pathetic. That Leeds were not much better, yet still won

comfortably, illustrates the alarming situation at Upton Park. Even Harry Redknapp. the West Ham manager, is feeling the heat. It was the first time this season that the normally patient supporters had called for his head.

Peter Storrie, the club's managing director, was targeted, too. He is aware of the rowing unrest yet defended the board's decision to turn down Tabor's offer. "We have to investigate all our options." he said. "Michael is not the only benefactor to have expressed an interest in the club.

There is also an American businessman who is interested in becoming involved in Premiership football and has a substantial amount of money available. It would be silly to dive in and accept the first

offer that is tabled." Redknapp spent £4 million on players during the summer but has seen little return for the investment. A tally of 18 goals from 22 matches is the worst in the Premiership and with Iain Dowie injured, Tony Cottee sold and Florin Raducioiu back at Español, his options for trying to im-

prove that record are limited. He is trying to rectify the problem, pursuing Pierre van Hooijdonk, of Holland and Celtic, and Dean Holdsworth, of Wimbledon, but asking prices are exorbitant. Celtic want £4.5 million for Van Hooijdonk, though they might accept it in instalments, and Wimbledon are unlikely to agree to much less than £4

million for Holdsworth. Each player has had his

**RUGBY UNION** 

FOR THE RECORD

donk's unseemly pay dispute with Celtic has rumbled on for months and, at the weekend. he played in a testimonial match for Peter Remie, his former team-mate at NAC Breda, in Holland.

He had not received the necessary clearance from his club or the Scottish Football Association and now faces a

possible suspension. Holdsworth's tangled private life has received much public scrutiny recently. He has started only seven matches for Wimbledon this season. Can West Ham finance a deal, anyway? Redknapp admits that the well is running dry. Perhaps it is time for them to study the formbook, take a chance and ring their bookmaker-in-waiting.

## Deportivo take action against **Toshack**

From Tunku Varadarajan IN MADRID

DEPORTIVO La Coruña announced yesterday that they had begun "full disciplinary proceedings" against John Toshack, the Spanish club's manager, after he swore at his own side's supporters in the dying moments of the first half of Deportivo's home match against Athletic Bilbao on Sunday.

Deportivo scored to lead 2-1 and Toshack leapt to his feet to salute the goal. Immediately, a wave of whistles and jeers from local fans drowned out all other sounds in the Riazor stadium. Toshack spun round, hands flapping in mock ovation. In full sight of the television cameras, he yelled: "Aplaudid ahora; hijos de puta," or "Clap now, you sons of bitches." Toshack's exhortation so

incensed Angusto Cesar Lendoiro, the club's president, that he made straight for the dressing-room after the drawn game. Yesterday, Lendoiro announced disciplinary proceedings which could see the Welshman fined or, curiously, "suspended" for a game.

The graffiti outside the stadium is no more friendly. Toshack go home, it screeches Much of the city detests Toshack, and it is increasingly clear that he does not care for La Coruña much either.

But he is an old Spain hand: asked if the barracking hurts, he merely says: That's what they pay me for." Not for much longer, though, it would seem: Toshack said that he did not see himself staying on at the club beyond the end of the

Yet there are some Deportivo supporters who would be sorry to see Toshack go. Ricardo López Mosteiro, 42, a well-known La Coruña lawyer, believes that the criticism of the Welshman is unfair and hysterical". "I have been a Deportivo

fan all my life." he said, "and I speak for many others. Toshack is a good man and a good manager. The press is out to get him because he doesn't believe in sweet-talking them all the time. But I think it would be a shame if he left Deportivo."

# Morning glory for Robinson and Morley

GARY SMITH and Andy Thomson, the former world indoor bowls pairs champions, were beaten by Duncan Robinson and Brett Morley. the English champions, in a thrilling five-set match in this year's event in Preston. The match started on Monday at 9.50pm and finished at 1.21am yesterday (David Rhys Jones

When play restarted, Kelvin Kercow, the Australian who won the Welsh Masters at Llanelli last week, came down to earth with a bump, losing 7-6, 7-5, 7-3 to Greg Harlow, of Ely, in the first round of the singles.

The biggest surprise of the day came when the World Indoor Bowis Council an-nounced the resignation, for health reasons, of its secretary, Jenny Davidson, who was involved in negotiations with the Professional Bowls Association over the formation of the World Bowls Tour.

#### Makinen rallies

Motor rallying: Tommi Makinen, the world champion, took command of the Monte Carlo rally yesterday as Colin McRae, of Britain, crashed out. Brilliant driving in wet, sometimes icy, conditions enabled the Finn to move 13 seconds ahead of Carlos Sainz, the overnight leader. after four of the six timed stages on the penultimate day.

McRae, the former champion, broke the rear left suspension of his new Subaru Impreza and damaged the steering when he went off the road on the 33km first stage.

#### Duncan's deal

Skiing: British teams could receive £350,000 over five years under a sponsorship deal announced by Ronald (Boris) Duncan, the former British No l downhill racer. He will donate 10 per cent of all the hospitality revenue received by Cambridge Blues, his company, from the British Ski Federation.

#### Sevens down

Rugby league: Wigan will not defend their Middlesex Sevens title at Twickenham on May 17. The club has declined the invitation in order to concentrate on its. Super League commitments. St Helens have also turned down an offer to take part.

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SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent Henri Svarc, aged 68, was a member of the France team that

won the 1996 Olympiad. He has played in twelve European championships, winning five of them - a remarkable record. You can see him in action with Marc Bompis in the Macallan International Pairs which starts today. In this match from the round robin, a Swedish player found a good play against Svarc and Multon.

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Contract: 3 NT by South, Lead: three of hearts

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Svarc opened One Spade on the West hand. North over-called Two Clubs and South (Magnus Eriksson) bid 3 NT. Eriksson won the heart lead in hand and played a spade to the queen. It seemed almost certain from the bidding that West would have the three aces: if the clubs divided South could set up his ninth trick by playing a spade or diamond. But what if the clubs didn't

Eriksson realised that it would not cost to run the eight of diamonds - if it lost to the jack or ten in the West hand,. West could not do any harm declarer could just set up his ninth trick in either spades or diamonds, relying on the club break. But playing the dia-

monds like that was a spectarular success when East turned up with the jack and ten declarer was able to set up three tricks in the suit, and so had nine tricks even though the chibs didn't break. □ Several world champions

are among the 16 pairs who will be playing in the Macallan International Pairs 1997 that starts today (until Friday) at The White House Hotel, Albany Street, London NWI. You can watch at the tables or in the Viewgraph theatre. Information: 0181-878

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WORD WATERWAY ..... THE

By Philip Howard

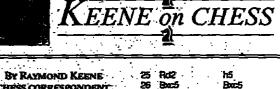
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SCROOP a. A conspirator b. A foolish lover c. A wife of Windsor

BASSET a. A clown's dog b. A sectary c. A treacherous servant

Answers on page 46

LOVELL a. A villain b. A courtier c. An ambassador



HESS CORRESPONDENT

Dutch treat

Dutch grandmasters dominate after the first two rounds of their home ground Wijk aan Zee tour-nament in Holland, Jemen Piket nament in Holland, Jemen Piket leads, having beaten both Salov and Nikolic, while Ian Timman, the Dutch champion, is half a point behind. Timman's win came after his opponent Glek employed a new but somewhat suspect version of the King's Indian Defence. Timman exchanged queens in the opening and thereafter subjected Glek to mense pressure in the simplified position. Timman ways on store St after a smooth von on move 56 after a smooth technical performance Nigel Short's formules recovered some-what after his first round loss when he bear Lock van Wely in the second round.

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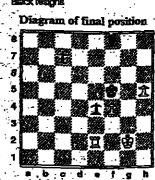
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By Raymond Keene

Whate to play. This position is from the game Libretto — Link, Argen-tina 1969. With his tremendous time: 1969. With his tremendous superiority in terms of active pieces, White is doing very well. This is borne out by the fact that be cast now finish the game in attractive fashion in two different. ways. Can you spot them?

Solution on page 46



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RACING: ABDULLA HOPE OUT TO 16-1 FOR CHAMPION HURDLE

# Festival options kept open for Sanmartino

SANMARTINO kept his Cheltenham Festival aspirations intact with a workmanlike victory in the Croxton Park Novices' Hurdle at Leicester yesterday. The colt jumped competently in the hands of Adrian Maguire. although whether this performance merits a tilt at the Champion Hurdle remains

open to question. At least Sanmartino, a smart stayer on the Flat, fared better than Moonax, the dual St Leger winner, who was comfortably outpaced in the closing stages. Moonax fin-ished third over the minimum two miles and his own Cheltenham prospects now rest over longer trips. The six-year-old ran in snatches for Richard Dunwoody; he remains an entire and may be losing his concentration. By contrast, all avenues

remain open to Sanmartino. who quickened well after the final flight to fend off a promising hurdles debut from High In The Clouds. David Nicholson's representative travelled strongly throughout and seemed poised for a bloodless victory three flights from home. But High In The

SWA JART DAYS Nap: EASTERN RIVER

(3.40 Lingfield Park) Next best: Bassenhally (2.40 Lingfield Park)

Clouds, a useful Flat performer in Ireland, forced Sanmartino to dig in before prevailing by 12 lengths. While William Hill maintained its Champion Hurdle quote of 10-1, both Coral and Ladbrokes extended San-martino's Champion Hurdle

price to 12-1 and 16-1 respectively. Nevertheless, it would be unwise to judge Sanmartino solely on this evidence. The horse's best Flat form was gained on a last surface, the going at Leicester, officially good to soft, was

rated sticky by the jockeys.
Furthermore, Nicholson's string has been detained more than most by the cold spell.
Sanmartino will almost cartainly improve - both for the outing and from the experi-ence he gained on this, his second start over hurdles. "He will definitely have another outing before Cheltenham," Nicholson's assistant, Alan King, said. "He never does a lot when he hits the front and

the great thing about him is that he is loving it." Tim Forster, the stalwart of jumps racing who trains the runner-up, can rarely have split runners owned by Khaled Abdulla and Sheikh

Moonax carries. High In The Clouds is a nice horse but when I saw this field I was horrified," he said. He also endorsed the quality of the contest, labelling it as good a novice hurdle as he has seen for some time. "I thought mine would run well, but that was above expectations." he said. Interest in Sanmartino as a

is heightened by the excellent record of high-class Flat re-cruits at Cheltenham. Kribensis, Royal Gait and Alderbrook have claimed the prize in the last seven renewals, but Sanmartino - like Moonax. trained on the Flat by Barry Hills - must progress considerably to join that trio. The time to judge him will be on his next start. Meanwhile, Collier Bay remains a besipriced 7-2 to follow up last year's victory in hurdling's Blue Riband.

Champion Hurdle candidate



Sanmartino gaining a second success over hurdles at Leicester yesterday

## SEDCESSES

THUNDERER 12.55 September Breeze, 1.25 Furietto, 2.00 Ansuro Again. 2.30 Brambles Way. 3.00 Troodos, 3.30 Val De Rama. 4.00 Sprifzer. The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.30 BRAMBLES WAY.

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7	G-0	PARRY 50 S Bell 5-11-0 K Johnson
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9		RED-STOAT Mrs J Storey 8-11-0 B Storey
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WCLVERHAMPTON: Trainets: N Johnston, 44 winners from 187 namers, 22.5%; A Guest 8 Inen 34, 23.5%; M Bell, 9 from 45, 20.0%; P Felicibe, 6 Inen 30, 20.0%; T Barron, 11 from 59, 18.6%; J Pearce, 8 from 43, 18.6%; Jockeys, Anthony Bond, 4 winners from 11 roles, 36.4%; J Wester, 55 from 258, 20.5%; M Rimmer, 4 from 22, 18.2%; Alex Greens, 7 from 48, 14.6%; R Lappie, 6 from 45, 13.3%; A Clark, 20 from 165, 12.1%.

20 HOM 100. 12 13.
SEDEFFELD: Trainers: H Obser, 4 winners from 10 renners. 40.0%; F Marthy. 3 from 8. 37.5%. Mes M Parceloy, 70 hom 239, 29.2%, J Fargistald. 13 from 51, 25.5%; O Branton. 3 from 15, 20%; P Beautrant, 77 from 85, 19.5%. Joekseys: P Hiber, 37 winners from 180 ridge; 31.7%. M Needlen, 3 from 10, 30.0%; S Makrada, 3 from 10, 30.0%; R Johnson. 3 from 11, 27.3%; S Lee, 9 from 39, 23.1%.

## WOLVERHAMPFON

1.50 Slowrouge, 2.20 Little Ibnr. 2.50 Gi La High. 3.20 Millroy. 3.50 Petoskin. 4.20 Forest Boy.

DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

#### GOING: STANDARD 1.50 HADDOCK MAIDEN STAKES

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#### 2.50 COD HANDICAP (23,436-5f) (13)



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ADRIAN MAGUIRE has decided to call off his appeal against a six-day ban for irresponsible riding at Kempton last Saturday. Maguire's ban runs from January 27 to February !-

### SPECIALISTS

LINGRIELD PARIC Trainers: N Twiston-Dayles, 7 winners from 21 runners, 33.3%; J Old, 6 trom 18, 33.3%; A Turnell, 8 trom 23, 31.0%; M Wildinson, 3 trom 10, 30.0%; P Nichels, 6 trom 22, 27.3%; M Pipo, 11 trom 44, 25.0%, Jockeys: D Bndjwelter, 12 winners from 40 ricks, 30.0%; R Durwoody, 12 from 42, 28.6%; D Lesky, 3 trom 12, 25.0%, M A Fizigereld, 6 from 27, 22.2%; J Osborne, 7 trom 34, 20.6%.

#### LINGFIELD PARK

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Emerald Statement	

1.40 Splendid Thyne 2.10 Bella Sedona

HUNDERER 2,40 MOVING OUT (nap) 3.10 Theme Arena 3.40 Sugar Hill 4.10 Arkley Royal

#### GUIDE TO OUR IN-LINE RACECARD

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## 1.70 PORTCULLIS AMATEUR RIDERS HOVICES HURDLE

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1	20-10	BAYERD 54 (B.S) (J King) C Egenton 6-12-5. E. James (7)
2	. 11	EMERALD STATEMENT 43 (5) (Mrs C Yeates) D Grassell 7-12-5 R Thornton (5)
3	. 1-1	HAMELLA DERBY 74 (S) (B Kilby) P Historia: 7-12-6 J Tizzard (7)
4		CLARKES GORSE (E Parter) J Gillord 6-11-12 P O'Nordite (7)
5	4233-P	DRUM BATTLE 54 (D Chown) W G M Turner 5-11-12 E Backrighton (7)
Ē	5-0	EAU SO SLOE 39 (Mrs J Dauce) J Presion 5-11-12 J Goldstein (7)
7	/3/34-22	PALE SIR 48 (BF) (N Walts) T Thomson Jores 7-11-12 M Annyrage
8	P-03	KOND CLERIC 56 (Harringer Pagines) P Hobbs 6-11-12 S Mindicaire (7)
9		LETANO WARRIOR (R Singer) K Bartle 5-11-12 LE Balogh (5)
Ō	458-0	LUCKY TANHER 54 (Superior) Pastners) Mass H Knight 6-11-12. A White (7)
1	0P45-10	MAHLER 8 (5) (English Badminton Partners) N Tratagon-Davies 7-11-12 M Rimell (3)
2	2154	CUBBS EAGLE 8 (S) (B Kilipalmet) M Pipe 5-11-12 A Fattant (5)
3		RYDER CUP (A Stirling) N Handerson 5-11-12
4	04	ZADOK 48 (Mrs. J. Willingst) J. Flach-Heyes 5-11-12
5	0940	FORTUNES GLEAM 56 (Mrs A Geneti) J Xing 6-11-7 A Sersonne (5)
6	90-	RAKAPOSHE MAP 249 (1 Dencer) C Jones 7-11-7 Miss 8 Smell (7)
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e at Plumpton (2rq 44, good	MARILER best Cohardt "44 or 9-romer or conditional normal handlesp hurdle at Harviord (2m
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## 1.40 RAMPART NATIONAL HUNT MAIDEN HURDLE (£3,091: 2m 110yd) (20 nunners)

	ISBN 36 (A Jackson) T Casey 6-11-7
	BROOKHAMPTON LANE 34 (R Tomplers) Mrs. A Bowley 6-11-7 . 8 Powell
	CALM DOWN (Nas A Wates) T Casey 8-11-7 A Thurmton
4	CHAPLIE'S FOLLY 58 (Charbe Productions) 8 (se Ham 6-11-7 J Osborne
4	CYPHRATIS 87 (Mallorm Pic) Mrs J Priman 6-11-7 W Marston
00-2	DARK CRICHARD 51 LI Group Ltd) W Mart 6-11-7 M Richards
D4-	DOUBLE ACHIEVEMENT 312 (Mas C Painting) & Pape 7-11-7 A P McCoy
٠.	# PWWIT (T Septime) P Rilchers 8-11-7 5 Fox
4.30	JAKES JUSTICE 39 (0 and 14 Evens) J Cifford 6-11-7 P Hide
3-7114	LINELY ENCOUNTER 12 (BF,S) (F Sainsbury) Mrs M Jones 6-11-7 D Bytne
400.34	MELLINTOR 46 (1 Thompson) R Rome 6-11-7 D D'Sullivan
1/42.	SHELF SOURCING 460 (F) (V Adams.) Mass H Kenghi 6-11-7 _ J F Titley
	SPLENDED THYME 58 (S) (J Bahvarore) T Casey 5-11-7 M A Rizgerald
T.	SURSIAN CORDA 287 (M. Ward-Thomas) T. Forster 6-11-7
•	THIRTY BELOW (Pall-met) Partners) J Old B-11-7
	UPRISING 3c1 (Peti-meti Partners) 3 Okt 7-11-7 S Michael
	ZANDER 53 (Mrs K Dugnan) N Turston-Dames 5-11-7 . D Bridgmater
	SHOUD THAVESAIDNO (6 Piper) I Hint 6-11-2 P McLoughlin
24	SUPPREME TROCKLODYTE 36 (SIF) (The Trops) C Marticle 5-11-2 J R Kavaragh
ı	ZAUSAN (Mrs. M. Superiey) J Gillord 4-10-9 L Aspell (3)
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FORM FOCUS		
CYPHRATIS 71 4th of 6 to Beacos Flight in topolo-	Toyroster (2m good to soll), SPLENDID THY	
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JUSTUS: 25-1 3rd of 11 to Spotana in maden	at Folkesione (2m 11 110 pd. good to soll), 2A	
handle at Fontwell (2m 2 110yd, good to solt) on	DER SI 2nd of 16 to Lord Folley to National H	
penufilmate start. LIVELY ENCOUNTER bear Jack	Flat sace at Warwing (2m, good)	

# 2.10 MOAT SELLING HURDLE (£2.219: 2m 110yd) (22 nunners)



FORM FOCUS

# ROSE OF GLENN 23I 4th of 12 to Sam Rockelt in swilling hardle at Taundon (2m if, good in firm) on pleasifirmain start. FLASH IN THE SWILING hardle at Taundon (2m if, good in firm) pool to firm) on pleasifirmain start. FLASH IN THE PAN 1441 3rd of 9 to Same Island in selling number at the stilling laurille at Dancester (2m 11 10yd, Selection: FLASH IN THE PAN

## 2.40 FORT HOVICES HANDICAP CHASE

(£3.571 2m. 4) 110vd) (14 runners)				
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1.		SCORESHEET S8 (F.G) (Pell-mell Partners) J Billiot 7-11-16	_ PHade	
49.		JULEIT JONES 34 (St. J. Plackett, J. Getond 6-11-7	L Acpell (3)	
ذنه		REESHLOCK 35 (5) (Mis M Taylor) A Turnell 8-11-7 .	CŘae≀?j	95
40		ALCOURT SPARK 43 (BF) IR Seminatorial () Geografia 8-11-5	R Dumwoody	
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475	2253-10	BASSEMHALLY 57 (G) (Thomey Racing) Nr. 9 Sty 7-11-0	R Marky	
409	1P-2844	SOPHIE MAY 41 (B.BF.F.S) IJ Cornetty L Montague Hall 6-10-15		
4:0		BATHWICK BORBE 47 (W Children C Williams 10-10-1)	G Hogan (3)	
477	/54.D-P4	VECTORY GATE 41 (G) (Mr. P Jordan) Mr. L Jewell 12-10-2	. Di Leahy	
412	OGP.	ORREOFUS 630 (F) (F Leon) 15th L Fabraces 6-10-0	M Ruchards	-
413	0200-3	BARONCELLI 32 (The Garotanti) M Williamson 7-10-0	L <u>a</u> wnence	-
414	44F (J-FI)	BORBEFER SI (Tonceste Members) M WALTCON 6-10-0	. W Karskon	-
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FORM FOCUS	
SCORESHEET bear REESHLOCH (10th better off) 12 in 9-namer mouse handicap class at 10th score (2m good) with SOPHE MAY (15th better off) 21½ (4m JULET JONES 19) 2nd of 5 to bestem in handicap class at 10mcscare (2m 110hd, good to soft). REESHLOCH 1¼ (2m d) 12 to Porphanes in handicap class at Wincestan (2m good) AMBERS SPARK & 12nd of 11 to Manniny's	Drope in marden chaze at Plumpton (2m 5t, good to colt).  BATHAMICK BDBBIE best effort 2*st 2nd of 7 gean Dandy in nonce hunter chase at Tourcest (2m 6t, good to lam) on penufinates sail BARDINGELIJ des 3rd at 8 to Art Prince in nonchardicato chaze at Uttouches (2m 5t, good to soil Selection): SCORESHEET

#### 3.10 KEEP NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE

•		TI (10110En 18201eta 11-18-17
(52,4	108: 2m	110yo) (18 sunners)
581	32-3	MONE STURRED 56 (C Frewer) J Golford 7-11-12 P Hida 90
502	6-31223	SALEP 33 (5) (P Stade) R Hodge: 5-11-11 T Dascombe (3) 94
503	0/246/0-	RUNANS PLUTTER 412 (S) (R Whight) D Pisaceth 9-11-6 . P Holley -
504	401-003	SIR DANTE 47 (F) (F Witter) R Roses 6-10-13
505	232-P64	TOPANGA 66 (B) (J McGangan) J Bennett 5-10-12 D Bridgwates 91
506	BD4-56	NEWARN JANGNE 56 (T. Sagrue) P. Rutcherts 6-10-11 S. Fox. 92
507		MISSEUM 32 (R Baster) P Windoworth 6-10-10 X Alzpuru (7) 95
508	00113-61	CODY GUNNER 35 (5) (R Peterson) J King 7-10-9 C Maude 90
509		GENTLE BRIEFE 57 (D Tomorray) J Grand 5-10-8 L Aspell (3)
510	0F-05	C MY LOVE 25 (M Willes) Mess H Knight 6-10-7 J Osborne 88
511	54-PPBU	KING'S GOLD 32 (G Resty) Mrs L Ructands 7-10-7 M. Ructands 🖽
512	19	THEME ARENA SF (BF.F) (A Sobromou) M Pape 4-10-6 A P McCoy 90
513	ns-Fi	THAT OLD FEELING SS (Mrs P Shenwood) J White 5-10-0 T J Millipshy -
514		TUDOR TOWN 35 IP Purovi & Bichno 9-10-0
515		ROYAL GLINT 47 (Mrs. H Harnes) H Harnes 8-10-0 N Williamson 89
516	PF-PRI	MASTER BOODENOUGH 48 (Moonrakers Parners) A Foster 6-10-0 D Creech (7) -
517		MURPHY'S RUN 48 (B Lementson) P Eccles 7-10-0 . Mr R Thornton (5) -
518	ORA ORA	HAWAMAFA 41 (B) (D Hammerson) J Moore 4-10-0 W McFarland 80

511 512 513 514 515	54-PPSU IONES GOLD 32 (6 Reigh) Mars I. Richards 7-10-7. M Richards 50 12 THEME ARENA 9F (BF.F) (A Solvomout) M Pipe 4-10-6. A P McCoy 90 00-70. THAT OLD FEE.NG 53 (Mars P Shewnood) J White 5-10-0. T J Marphy — POLIO-4 TUDOR TOWN 35 (P Pardy) A Becking 9-10-0. OURSTFUL 89 043-PDD ROYAL GLINT 47 (Mars H Haynes) H Haynes 8-10-0. M Williamsson 89					
516	PF-PRI MASTER GOODENOUGH 48 (Moonraters Pageogs) A Foster 6-10-0 D Creech (7) -					
517 518	20/3-PPO MURPHY'S RUN 48 (B Lementon) P Eccles 7-10-0 Mr R Thomson (5) 080 HAWANAFA 41 (B) (D Hammerson) J Moore 4-10-0 W McFarland 80					
BETTING, 7-7 Name Stated, 5-1 Sailep, 6-1 Cool Gunner, 7-1 Topongo, 8-1 Sir Danta. Theme Avena, 12-1 others.						
FORM FOCUS						
MONE STIRRED about 44 3rd of 9 to Spatking String in novice hardle at Window (2m 44, good) sale of 8 to Hay Dance in herofician hardle at Heroford (2m 11, good to soit) SIR DANTE 277 3rd of 12 to Wade Road in nonce hurdle at Existe (2m 21, good). TOPANASA about 7'64 4th of 11 to Giornata in marden hurdle at 11 selection. COOL GLINNER (nap)						

# SABLET 9991 AND OF 6 TO THAY LEAVES ON TREMPLESS HAVE brudle at Herekord (2m 11, good to sont) SIR DANTE 271 3rd of 12 to Wade Road in nonnea horder at Easter (2m 21, good). TOPANISA abour 794 4th of 11 to Gorgana in manden hundle at

3.40 o/ (£3,015 3m)	AVE FREEMAN MEMORIAL HANDICAP CHASE (18 runners)
602 US15-6P 603 013521- 604 /42P/P4	BRAVE BUCCANEER 34 (D.G.S.) (R Wates) A Turnell 10-12-0 . C Rae (7) CHGF RAGER 32 (D.S.) LI Cheeffamt N Turston-Danes 8-11-12 N Williamson PROFESSOR STROKES 274 (G.S.) (B Fifty) P Microsis 9-11-12 N Williamson MRGHTY PROLIC 43 (CD.F.G.S.) (NI Prino) Mass 5 Edwards 10-11-9 Mr T Hills
[ 507 42103	DARRIEN THE BRAVE 631 (D.S) (D. Alipiur) C. Prooks 9-11-9 G. Bradley ZAMBEZE SPROT 40 (D.BE.F.G. (P. Townsend) Miss M. Jones 8-11-5 D. Byrtie LITTLE-MEPPER 1439 (F.G.S.) (Abt. J. Moud) R. Smith 12-11-4 C. Manufo (REANO 23) (S) (Micron) Patriers P. Hottes 8-11-5 A. P. McCoy.
609 653544 610 42-2521 611 /12F0F	BLACK CHURCH 43 (F.S) (B Alexander) R Rome 11-10-13 D O'Suffiren SUBAR HILL 43 (D.S) (Mr. 7 Pillangron) J Bland 7-10-13 P Hide CARL N BARLEY 33 (G) (R Landingan) P Rodford R-10-11 S Burrough CARLINGFORD LAKES 32 (S) (Mr. L Tunet ) T T-Jones 9-10-10 M A Fizzgerald

132279 LEARLINGSOND LONGS 35 (Mr.): CHORT 1 1-30005 5-10-10 of Participant 13 312289 SHEED IN ACD 34 (5) (Mr.): TM-Stemony Mr. F Lictones, Scarce 9-10-9 G Updam 614 5/3403-P MMEDMSH 34 (D.G.5) Realth P Webber 15-10-9 Residency 15-10-4 SPARCY 149 (D.G. 5) Reveally J. Opinite 11-10-8 J. J. Opinite 11-10-8 J. Stemony 13-10-8 J. Stemony 1 BETTING, 7-2 Eastern River, 5-1 Professor Strong, Surgar Hull, 10-1 Knamo, Chief Rager, 12-1 Brave Bucco Black Church, 14-1 others

FORM FOGUS					
BRAVE BUCANISER acts attact beat Spannor Hell 31 in 13-manet motice chase at Carliste (3m. heavy). The 95 PROFESSOR STROMG beat Famou Lad 79-li in 9-maner landicap chase at Punchastonn 3m 11. soft) ZAMBIEZI SPRITI best attoch beat Milne's An Ace 111 in 8-manet handicap chase at Plumblan (2m 51 good to fam) 3ct 96. with SILACK CHURCH (16th bears oft) 151 Act LITTLE-	MPPER best effert beat Charmagne Lad Bill on numer novice handicap chase at Chellenham E. 95 soil) on penultimate start. KEANO beat A. George Not in 14-numer handicap chase at Newth Abbet (3m 21 11)yd. good to 2nth SUBAR Hill beat Stateshall 3'vd in 15-numer marden chase Harmagnian (3m, good to soil).				

## 4.10 WEATHERBYS STARS OF TOMORROW OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT

1	ARKLEY ROYAL 32 (CD.S.) (J. Bidzi) J Old 6-11-11	
10	MEDAS 35 (F) (D Roberson) A Burke 6-11-11 A P McCoy	
	BIGSOLAID (Mrs. V Williams) Miss V Williams 5-11-4 . N Williamson	,
	BOLD LEAP (Two Generalions) P Webber 5-11-4 Mr A Sansome	
	CALDEBROOK (Nas () Wheeman) J Gifford 6-11-4 5 Leard (7)	
	DANTE'S GOLD (Emorald Partners) C Egerton 6-11-4	
	FTMACOND (Lacky Knutz-tord) T Focuse 5-11-4 A Thornton	
0	FRANKOE MOLCK 77 (R Paessel) H Twiston-Davies 5-11-4 D Bristowaler	
-	KAZ KALEM (D Thompson) P Hobbs 5-17-4	
	MORLANDIC (Tall House Partners) P Hobbs 5-11-4 M A Fategorals	
	RASAK (Lash Henres) Lade Henres 5-11-4	
	RASAK (Laty Hemes) Lady Hemes 5-11-4	
	WELSH ASSET (Lies: C MacDonald) K. Wingrove 6-11-4 Mr A Windle (7)	
	WHOD OF THOUGHT IT 289P (binurs Farm) P Chambras 6-11-4 Hr C Vigors (5)	
	WASLEY WARREIR (Waley Soil Patres) N Tesson-Danes 6-11-4 . C Maude	
	RECKAMERE (P Butlet P Butlet 5-10-13 Y J Murphy	
	6000 TIME DANCER (Good Time Band) P Webber 5-10-13 Mr P Scott	
	FRED MOTH (4 Brown) 1 Hand 4-10-6 P MicLoughillin	
	MISTER ERMYN U Connect L Mondage Hall 4-10-6 D Mores	
	X-RAY (Rossian Recent J. Johns 1-18-6	
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#### FORM FOCUS

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#### RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS

## Leicester

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1.00 (2m st 110)rd holls) 1, Huntante (A P.
McCoy, 10-1); 2, Mentanore Towers (5-2); 3,
Perrose Lad (15-2), Eagles Rest 10-11 fav.
12 ran NR, Honest Dave, 91, hd. G Belding,
Tole: £10,50; £190, £190, £190 DF
515-90 Trio, ESS 10 CSF; £22,60
1.30 (2m st 110)rd holls) 1, Special Best Ma
C Vigors, 6-11, 2, Edvedon Blou (5-2 ji-lan); 3,
Symphony's Son (7-1), Award 5-2 ji-lan; 3,
ran 254, 7, N, Hendiason, Tote: £11-00,
23.00, £1:30, £2 to DF £30-90 Trio; £40-50
CSF; £28, 7;
2, 90 (2m holls) 1, Fleet Cadet (G Supple, 5-4 CSF £28.71.
2.00 [cm hole] 1, Fleet Cadet (G Supple, 5-4 law); 2, Indian Temple (9-1), 3, Sightly Special (12-1), 11 ran, NR Sostiah Wedding, 41, 2M M Pipe Tote, £2.50, £1.10, £1.20, £2.20, £5.71.0, £1.20, £2.20, £5.71.0, £1.20, £2.20, £3.4 Trease: 1703.84.
2.30 (3m ch) 1. Bendor Mark (A P McCoy.
10-11; 2. Yearnen Warnor (16-1); 3. Call Me
River (2-1 fay); 4. Maestro Paul (6-1), 17 ren
NR Royal Sexon 3, 201 M Webrson Tote10-30; 52.00, 52.10, 10; 50, 52.30 DF
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3.00 (2m 4) 110yel hole) 1. Hernistta Homand
(G Hogan, 14-1), 2. Ismena (10-1); 3. Siver
10-10yel 4-1 plan 17 ren, 114, 2. Mrs D Heine
Tote: 527 50, 53.40, 53.50, 12.20, 54.10. DF

\$146.50 Trio \$223.00 CSF \$151.32 Tricost. \$21.932.14 3.30 (2m 4) ch) 1. Stingstry (A Thomton, 3-1), 2 Unick Algy (20-7), 3, Super Richard (20-1), Three Philosophars 11-6 lay 10 ran, 7, 3, N Gaselee Tote \$3.10, \$21.00 (30.00 DF \$23.40 Trio \$290.20 CSF, \$51.17 DF 153.40 Tro 190.20 CSF, 191.17 4.90 (2m holle) 1, Samarstino IA Maquire, 8-15 tax; The Times Private Handicapper's top rating; 2, High In The Clauds (20-1); 3, Moorase 39-4; 18 ran NF Crease Star, Legiste Ried Bazer 151, 41 D Noticisco Tole: 51 66 E1 00, 57.30, 51.10, DF 1549 60 Tro 532 70 CSF 519.72 Placepot 5220.80. Quadpot; 125.50.

Lingfield Park

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1.20 (7), 1, Rawi (Angela Galamore, 4-1), 2,
Alleton Dener (9-1), 3, Madonne de Ross
(9-1), Berbeson 100-30 fav 11 san, 4, 134
Mats G Aellerny Tole 15.80; 52.00, 52.40,
51 60 OF 651 30, Tro. 629-65 CSF CSS-76
Tracest, CSIS-87.
1.50 (1m 40), 1. Perstan Conquest (J. Wozwer,
13-8); 2, Gatepino (Evens fav); 3, Zand (12-1),
6 ran, 11, 6f. R Ingam, Tole 52.30, 51.60,
51.20, DF: 11.60, CSF C3.37
2.20 (1m), 1. As-let J. Wesper, 3-1; 2, Our
Keyn, 1100-30, 3, Taomo (11-4), Marsh
Mangold 2-1 bz. 5 ran NR, Masselströke, 5,
68 M Johnston, Tole 54.50; 62-60, 62.60 CSF
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2.50 (fm 2) 1, Quiet Arch (J Bramhd, 4-1 lav); 2 Steamwaler Stanty (9-3) 3 Sweet Suppose 16-11, 10 cm 3, 11 W Mar Tore (4-70, 17-30, 12-30, 12-30 DF 28-60 Tro. 128-60, CSF-120-38 Trocast 1239-91 

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George good
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Et (1.80, CSF, E34.45 Tucast E503.30 2.10 Fam 41.10 yd. ch) 1, Banntown Bill (D. Vicish, 6-1), 2, Car The Shots (4-1 sav. 3, Change The Regn (14-1), 10 ran 4, 23 M. Pipe Tole (29.40; E-20, C1.80; C3.10 DF-C19.50, Thos. 222.30 CSF, E29.57 Tucast E201.96. 2.40 (2m 6f 110 yd. ch), 1, Kamikaza (C. Chayer, 6-1), 2, Most Optimus (100.30 km), 14 par. 11, 2 N. Balley Tole (E3.20; CSF, E25.05 Tro. 242.00, CSF, E25.00 Tro. 242.00, E25.00 Tro. 242.00 Tro

(no 242b), CSF: 125 US 3 10 (2m 31 110)(d httle) 1, Spendid (R Johnson, S-1), 2, Peace Lord (6-1), 3, Durakshan (13-8 tay) 15 ran, 6r 4f 0 Natholeon Tote (2.1 70 2.3 5), 12 30, 21 70 DF: 125 60 Tho 132 70 CSF 165 61 DF: 225 90 Tno 522 70 CSF 565 91
3.40 (2m il 110vd ch) 1, Netherby Saud (R. Supple: 7-4 lan), 2, Marble Mon (9-1): 3
Alsades: (3-1): 10 can 40, 20 P. Beaumont Tote: 22 80, 61: 20, 62: 50, 61: 30 DF: 617 00
Tno 615 10 CSF 618 20 Tncast 644 18
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Placepot £69.10.

## **RUGBY UNION**

## Underwood secures place in cup final

By DAVID HANDS

RORY UNDERWOOD, who lost his club place and his England position this season. will play for Leicester in the final of the Heineken Cup. against Brive in Cardiff on Saturday. He appears in his familiar left-wing berth in preference to Leon Lloyd, the teenager who made such an impact in the early rounds of

the competition. Moreover, the Leicester selectors have resisted the temptation to find a place in the back row for Eric Miller, who played so well for Ireland against France last weekend. Miller was a candidate for any one of the three positions, but it would have been a considerable surprise if he had ousted John Wells, Neil Back or Dean

Richards, the club captain. Underwood, 33 and the winner of 85 England caps. found himself out of favour with Bob Dwyer, the Leicester director of rugby, in midautumn. He has started only one of Leicester's European games, the pool match against Scottish Borders, and missed a series of league games, but his response will have pleased

Dwyer. That Underwood has a testimonial year coming up will have provided an extra spur. but the wing's pride and ambition have been significant factors in his improvement, demonstrated clearly with two tries against Harle-

quins just after Christmas. Underwood is likely to oppose Geraid Fabre rather than Sebastien Carrat, the competition's leading try-scorer with eight, who is the Brive left

The final is expected to be shown on television in 86 countries to an audience in excess of 35 million. There are indications that Leicester's travelling support will ensure a bigger attendance at the Arms Park than the 22,000 who watched Cardiff lose to Toulouse in the inaugural

final last year. LEICESTER IV Brive) J Litey, S Hackney, V Greenwood, S Potter, R Underwood, I Liley, A Healey, G Rowmiter, R Cockertit, J Garlorth, J Wells, M Johnson, M Poole, I Back, D Richards, Replacements: L Loyd N Melone, A Fundoon, P Freshwater, U More, N Electrice, E Mater.

## **FIXTURES**

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Coca-Cola Cup Quarter-final Stockport v Southampton (7.45) Nationwide League First division Stoke v Norwich (7 45)

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Mandrester United (7 0); Destry v Nottingham
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## Derbys, St. Margarets Merseyside v Tromeigh Salesian, Gi. Man. Boodle & Dunthome Cup. Manchester GS v Bolton. RUGBY UNION

#### Anglo-Weish Cup Pool 1A Wasps v Bridgend . Swalec Cup

Blackwood v Hirwaun (7.0) . . . . Insurance Corporation League

Second division
Wanderers v Clontari (70) HART GILMOUR FOUR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Stropchire v Greater British (al Streensbury, 7-30) CLUB MATCHES: Royal Many v Combined London OB (b) US Portamouth, 7-30), Moscley v Loughberough Saudonis (7-30)

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: Budwesser League: Mancheter v Choser (7:0) 7UP Trophy: Ouarier-linals, second leg Leicester (95) v Brimengham (77: (8:0) Shetiseld (83) v Worthing (81: (7:9)).

SCWILS: World Indoor championships (Preston)



#### No appeal

# Football will not stand for return to terraces

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oliticians! Don't you just love the superficial appeal of his salt-of-'em? The latest brainwave from the political front is a call to bring back the terracing at Premiership football clubs. Remember Hillsborough? We all do, alas, but not, it appears. Tom Pendry, Labour's Shadow Sports Minister.

No. perhaps I do him an injustice. It seems that the event does strike a chord somewhere. But we need not worry about a repeat, he says, because nuclear scientists - not a class remarkable for its record in saving human life - have come up with a "crowd pressure monitoring system". So when you cram 'em in like cattle, at least with this device you will know all about it.

Now obviously this scores Pendry a cheap point from enthusiasts for nostalgia and lovers of "atmosphere". But it is hopelessly out of touch with football, the police and, for that matter, the Labour Party. The interesting thing about the business is not the old chestnut of standing versus sitting -I can't remember who it was who said that the only person who can sing sitting down is Val Doonican but the extraordinary ineptitude of politicians when it comes to sport.

**TENNIS** 

Moya wins

undercover

campaign

FROM MICHAEL HENDERSON IN MELBOURNE

She is such an infuriating

actress. In the first game alone

there were five twists of her ponytail and when she was

not rearranging her headband

she was demanding a towel from the ballboys. All the time

she played to the gallery,

shooting looks of surprise,

disdain and delight to the spectators, not all of whom

If you can imagine a hybrid

of Little Bo Peep and Vanessa Redgrave at her most man-

nered then that is Pierce. Like

all moderate actresses, she has

her claque and they were out

in force here, cheering her

every shot. Appelmans was

more worthy of the crowd's

support for the gallantry of

her play, but sports crowds

ing as they might be. The show pony rides on, but she is

Appelmans had her

chances. At 3-3 in the second

set she held two game points

on Pierce's service before con-

ceding, and after that she

never looked quite the same

player it was a disappoint-

ment for her, after she had

Moya, who beat Boris

Becker in the first round, is

now a match away from the

final. He came into the tourna-

ment on the back of a good

Pie Chart

beaten Conchita Martinez.

heading for a fall.

were taken by this show.

Briefly, Pendry's plan, apart from

THE heatwave that has para-

lysed Melbourne this week

and caused hundreds of fires across the neighbouring bushland ended late yesterday

afternoon when the northerly

wind changed direction and the temperature dropped. The

evening turned out to be cool

and rain is forecast for today.

with conditions reverting to

normal for the rest of the

It was so hot yesterday morning, however, that the

retractable roof at Melbourne

Park was closed for the first time. Neither of the Spaniards

who contested the first match

"indoors" on an air-condition-

ed Centre Court, Carlos Moya

and Felix Mantilla, was con-

sulted before the decision was

n-3 and will meet Michael

Henman, in the semi-finals.

Chang, the conqueror of Tim

In the evening on Centre

Court, with the roof open,

Mary Pierce, the French Ca-

nadian who won the women's

title here two years ago, beat

Sabine Appelmans, the Bel-

gian left-hander, to secure a

vemi-final confrontation with

Amanda Coetzer. Pierce lost

the first set 6-1 but rallied to

take the second 6-4 and, after

being 3-0 down in the third,

she finished strongly to win in

three minutes over two hours.

tournament.

the earthery, cuts right against everything that football now is. It is no longer a working class ritual. It is a fashionable and bloated plutocracy. The introduction of all-seat stadiums was intended to prevent another disaster, and you could hardly quarrel with the principle.

As a secondary matter, it was to attack hooliganism. "We don't want your hooligans in our stadiums," Ted Croker, then secretary of the Football Association, said to Margaret Thatcher. Thatcher, another politician made to look a fool by sport, was enraged. She responded with a policy of implacable hostility to football, spearheaded by her failed attempt to introduce the Orwellian membership card scheme.

Football solved the hooliganism problem without Thatcher, but by pure Thatcherism. It priced the hooligans out of the market. All-seat stadiums changed the entire demography of football-watching. You need to be a good deal richer than you used to: young men of the fighting ages. what used to be the call-up ages, cannot afford to go.

Football certainly does not wish to go back towards its former troubles SIMON BARNES



Midweek View

in deference to this strange alliance between a politician and nuclear science. Economic science will do for them. True, the bill for that viewpoint will come in eventually, for there is a bill for everything in the end. The bill for the policy of "sell it cheap and

cram 'em in" was paid in human life. The bill for the present plutocracy will be paid in a lesser currency: in genuine importance. Politicians are famous for grasping the wrong end of the stick. They also disillusion, in the loss of attention of seek control: and the joyous thing

alienation of the people of foothall's to control. Ask Adolf Hitler, He staged the Berlin Olympics: Jesse heardand. Football is a South Sea Bubble of heady finance. Of course Owens said more about Nazism than the bubble will burst, and of course a thousand moralists. football will survive, in a less glitzy form. But right now, neither football In this country, politicians are also eager to be associated with success. directors nor football crowds want The European championship finals the terraces back. And for those who of last summer were interpreted as

love standing and Bovril, there are plenty of salt-of-the-earth clubs out-

side the Premiership and the first

division. Go to Barnet a good day

out, and one that will never suffer the

The eccentric thing about the Pendry proposal is that he seems so

out of kilter with the Labour Party.

But it is ever thus when politicians get

involved with sport. A specialised

approach to any subject always stops

you seeing things whole, and politi-

cians tend to see everything as a

matter of personal power and party

faction. That is why the politicians' tendency is to trivialise, and when it

comes to sport, they manage at the

same time to trivialise a triviality

while failing to comprehend sport's

slings and arrows of fashion.

World Cup winning summer of 1966. The honours list is always full of athletes, because it makes the prime minister look like a good sport. Politicians also love to dissociate themselves publicly from sporting failures. The poor performance of the England cricket team in Zimbabwe was a glorious excuse for various

politicians to talk about "national

disgrace", "send 'em home" and so

an attempt by John Major to recreate the national "feel-good" factor of the

Sport, being a volatile business. depending more on the talent and mood of an individual rather than of a nation, regularly makes politicians look fools. Not that that makes sport unique. The cry used to be: Keep politics out of sport." It would be a

start if we could just keep politicians out. Sport, after all, is about wild and impossible dreams.

ICE SKATING

Cousins

seizes

early edge AFTER the preliminary examinations yesterday of the pairs and ice dances in the

European championships in Paris, the solo skaters are ready to enter the fray, the men with their short pro-

gramme this afternoon, the

women with theirs on Friday

winner in Sofia last year, and

Within this international

cauldron, a domestic show-

down is also looming. It

involves the new British men's champion. Neil Wil-

son, 18, of Belfast, and Steven

Cousins, 24, of Deeside, seven successive times the champi-

on before Wilson dislodged

him at Guildford in

Cousins's improved his

the qualifying competition, with Wilson tenth. Qualify-

ing, however, is capable of

At the sharp end, Zag-

orodniuk's position seems precarious. He was sixth in

qualifying in group A on Sunday, and cannot relish

having been upstaged by, among others, Michael

Schmerkin, an Israeli of

Challengers from group B

include Alexei Urmanov, the

Olympic champion from Russia. As for Slutskaya, she has

most to lear from her compa-

triot, Maria Butyrskaya.

laying false trails.

Ukrainian origin.

Irina Slutskaya, of Russia.

(John Hennessy writes): The skaters principally under scrutiny are Viacheslav Zagorodniuk, of Ukraine, the An airing for fresh ideas

The media are often accused of being open only to professionals: this new series is an impressive response. Fresh Air is the product of a BBC appeal to media students to send in their own radio features and tonight it starts with a rape by Emma Hancorn called The Draim Sequence. It is innovative in style, using echo effectively (if occasionally overmuch) and there are some interesting scientific contributions about dreams and their role in the five strates of sleen contributions about dreams and their role in the five stages of sleep.

Another of tonight's tapes, Nightshift, is by Julian Powrys and records the work of an all-female ambulance crew on night duty in London: All the work in the programme is impressive enough to keep

Mike Harding's Yorkshire Dales. Radio 2, 9.00pm.

This is not so much a travel story as a love story and it has the incidental henefit of making one wonder whether the Whitehall obsession with boundary changes is an attempt to ensure that British children leave school with no idea as to where they live. Harding is that the last leave they live that rare Lancastrian, a man who wishes he had been born in Yorkshire. He loves the Dales and has done so since childhood. He now lives in Dentdale, the focus of this programme. The only problem being that Dentdale is actually in Cumbria, but the avuncular Harding correctly ignores this. People there think they live in the Dales: they think, therefore they are.

Peter Barnard

#### RADIO 1

7,00mm Simon Mayo 9.00 Kevin Green 7.00mm Simon Mayo 9.00 Kawin Greening 12.00 Mary Anne Hobbs 2.00pm Nock campbell 4.00 Mark Goodler 7.00 Evening Session with Steve Lamino and Jo Whiley 9.00 The League Against Techum. Surieal and Inteverent cornery from the brain behind Alan Parker, Urbain Wentor 10.00 Mark Redcliffs 12.00 Claire Sturgess, Includes at 12.15am The Net 4.00 Clave Warren, with the Sarly Peacklast Show

8.00ero Sarah Kennedy 7.30 Wales Lip To Wogen 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Jimmy Young 1.30pm Debbie Thrower 3.00 Ed Stevent 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Jim Lloyd with Folk on Two, 8.00 A Song for Geordie (3/7) 8.30 Talking Playback, A new series focusing on Indian Sim music (1/4) 9.00 Mike Harding's Yorkshire Dales, See Choice 9.30 Nigel Ogden 10.30 The Jamesons 12.05ma Advisor Finighen 3.00 Sleve Madden

## RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports 5.00 The Breakdast Programme 5.35 The Magazina 12.00 Midday with Mair 2.05pta. Ruscoe on File 4.00 Nationwide 7.00 Naive Bort. with Velerie Sanderson 7.35 Trevor Brooking's Football Night: Coverage of the best of the hight's games, with reports and commentary 10.05 The Baler Line. More football discussion with Danny Baler 11.00 Night Edita 12.05am After Hours, with John Diamond 2.05. Up All Night, with Rhod Sharp

5.00em Chris Ashley and Sandy War 7.00 Paul Ross 9.00 Scott Chisholm 12.00 Lonains Kelly 2.00pm Tommy Boyd 4.00 Drivetime, with Paier Desley 7.00 Moz Dee's Sportszona 10.00 James Whale 1.00em lari Collins

hopes of reversing those posit-6.00am Oir Alr. Irictudes Weber (Symphony No 1 in C); Ysaye (Solo Viola Sonata No 3 in D minor, Ballade); Chopia (Ballade No 2 in A minor, Op ions yesterday when he fin-ished fifth in group B during

Spring)
9.09 Moraling Collection.
Includes Nelsen (Little Stite for strings); Tartini (Soneta in
6 minor, Op 1 No 10, Dirione
Abbandonata); Sibelius (Symphony No 3) Musical Encount

Feermage; series consens for two cellos No 10 in G;
Debussy (La Demoisele Bue); Bach (Trio Sonata in C minor; BMV525)

12.00 Composers of the Week:
C.P.E. Bach and Cusentz.
1.00pm Birmingham Lunchtime
Concert. The Maggini
Custet and cellist Pal Banda perform the first broadcast of a work by Robert Simpson, String Custet No. Also Schubert (String Custet Movement in C minor, D703); Mandelssohn (String Custet in E minor, Op. 44 No 2)

2.00 Nichweek Choice. Includes Handel (Zadok fire Priest); Mithaed (L'Anothéose de Moière); Schumann (Fartassessuche, Op. 12)

(Fentasiestücke, Op 12) 4.00 Chorel Everagona Live

(Fentestesticite, Op. 12)
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the Chapel of New College,
Oxford. Director of music
Edward Higginbottom, organ
scholar Chris Hughes
Music Machine. Tommy
Pesrson examines the role of
the tenor examines the role of
the tenor examples and
talks to Tommy Smith and
Andy Shepherd

# WORLD SERVICE

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5.15 In Tune, with Anthony Burton, includes Vivaldi (Concerto in D. FA/564), Kokkonen Grows Astant a Brook) 6.00 BBC Rush Hour Concert. Live from Wigmore Hall, London, Michael Collins;

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introduces a selection of settings by Shakespeare Might Waves. Patrick Wight talks to the American poet Robin Blaser

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Ravel (f)
2.30em Jazz Notes. Alyn Shipton
in conversation with Jacques
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includes reviews of Tom Harks's first film as director, That Thing You Do, and Peter Jackson's thiller, The

Short Story: Report on an Unidentified Space Station by J.G. Balland 5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping 5.55 eather .

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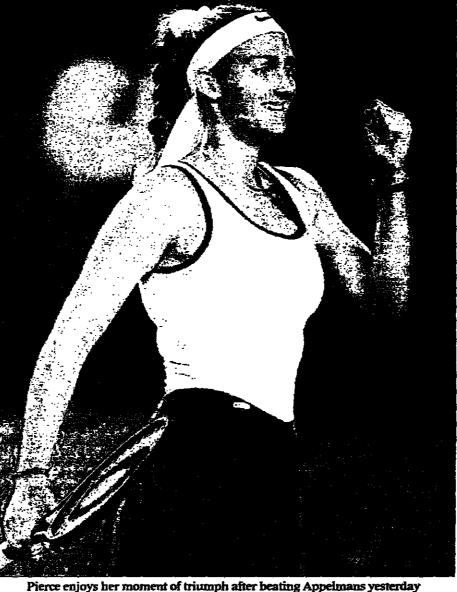
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Present: The Buster Factor.
Sketches, songs and jokes
with Gegard Fosser, Dave
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series which pays homage to the cult action adventure shows of the 1960s and 1970s Written by and staning Morwanns Banks, Chris England and Robert Harley (120 of

England and House I February (1/4) (1)
11.30 Today in Partiament (LW)
12.00 News Incl 12.27am Weather
12.30 The Late Book: The Third
Policeman, by Flam O'Brisn.
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Pierce enjoys her moment of triumph after beating Appelmans yesterday

performance in the Sydney International, where Henman

beat him in the final, and has earned good notices. "When I played the final in Sydney, he said, it gave me

playing really well. I used to

be a slow starter, and that confidence to realise that I was

gave me confidence. I knew that I had to play Becker, but I went to the court with confidence. When I got here I had a look at the draw, it was 120 players and now I'm in the last

Coetzer overwhelmed Kimberley Po 6-4, 6-1 without having to show the form that accounted for Steffi Graf.

Chang beat the skilful Marcello Rios, of Chile, 7-5, 6-1, 6-4 in the last match of the night on Centre Court.

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WORD-WATCHING

RESULTS FROM MELBOURNE

(c) Francis Flute is an Athenian bellows-mender in A Midsummer Night's Dream. He is east to play the heroine Thisbe in Quince's play, and finds it an embarrassing and awkward task. This is because he is a self-conscious youth — "Nay, faith, let me not play a woman" be says. "I have a beard coming" — but his gawkiness greatly enhances both his portrayal of hapless Thisbe and his (few) lines in the rehearsal scenes. SCROOP

(a) Lord Scroop in Henry V. Co-conspirator against Henry with Cambridge and Gray, notable for his fierce advocation that the drunk who railed at Henry's person should be punished "lest example breed, by his sufferance, more of such a kind" — advice that is subsequently and satisfyingly turned against the conspirators themselves. BASSET

(b) A follower of Somerset and a member of the red-rose faction in Henry 17 Part One. He quarrels with Vernon and takes him before Henry for judgment. As a result of this Henry tries to unite York and Somerset with him asgainst a more pressing enemy, the French. LOVELL

(b) Sir Thomas Lovell, a courtier in Henry VIII. Lovell has plenty to do, delivering messages, attending the king, discussing the latest news. He is discreet, anonymous and elegant court forniture that moves.

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# THE TIMES WELLSLESSAND FROM PAUSES and fluffed cues all round water, he shifted to and fro in his from one particularly nasty tangle. It was one of those nights when, in Striam, is normally dismissed as the one who came between Kermedy and Nizardiscations for women suitable and the president who, in Britain, is normally dismissed as the one who came between Kermedy and Nizardiscations for women suitable and the president who, in Britain, is normally dismissed as the one who came between Kermedy and Nizardiscations for women suitable and the president who, in Britain, is normally dismissed as the one who came between Kermedy and Nizardiscations for women suitable and the president who, in Britain, is normally dismissed as the one who came between Kermedy and Nizardiscations for women suitable and the president who, in Britain, is normally dismissed as the one who came between Kermedy and Nizardiscations for women suitable and the president who in Britain, is normally dismissed as the one who came between Kermedy and Nizardiscations for women suitable and the president who, in Britain, is normally dismissed as the one who came between Kermedy and Nizardiscations for women suitable and the president who is the president who, in Britain, is normally dismissed as the one who came between Kermedy and Nizardiscations for women suitable and the president who is the president who, in Britain, is normally dismissed as the one who came between Kermedy and Nizardiscations for women suitable and the president who is the president who, in Britain, is normally dismissed as the one who came between Kermedy and Nizardiscations for women suitable and the president who is the president who in Britain, is normally dismissed as the one who came between Kermedy and Nizardiscations for women suitable and the president who is th

a darkened room — could this be same cough, the "act of unconthe start of something? There was "scapes aggression", that he would
an un-Pinteresque pause, as Harlater criticise British theatre audiold Pinter wrestled with Six Jeremy Isaacs's horror-story of a first question. Clad all in black against a black background and looking more like the start of something by Beckett than one of his own. Pinter had a couple of garbled stabs before realising he was getting nowhere. No, he concluded miserably, as far as he could recall he had never started a play with one character higher than the other.

Things got steadily worse Issaes, our unseen inquisiter, was nously important to him. "I having an off night with the ques- become very agitated when a tions; the normally rewarding format of Face to Face (BBC2) wasn't working and Pinter was as nervous as a first night debutant. He that's the word I was looking for," gulped greedily at the tumbler of the said, as Isaacs rescued him

ences for? I listened again. Gulp, creak, cough; guip, creak, cough. Nope, definitely nerves.

They were the nerves of some-body whose idea of the creative process is to lock himself into a darkened room, agonise over every word and comma, and ernerge several years later clutching a masterpiece. Ask him to do it on the spot, there and absolutely then, and ... he couldn't Yes, he said. staring into the darkness for inspiration, language was enorsentence is badly formed." As one badly formed sentence followed: another, we could see that "Yes,

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(3/3) AMn shows flow to make money out of so-called alternative investments (629)

COLLECTION: Pancakes and Barmalade (†) (†) (†) (8358) 8.30 MCK STEIN'S FRUITS OF THE SEA

(2/5) The chef meets a French fisherwormen who prepares a dish of squiid ingred wines and travels to Brittany

to discover how the perfect boullishesses

programme from the European Figure Sleeting Championships. Plus, highlights

from the men's short programme

Jonathan Heynes (9.50pm)

Cameras follow Jonathan Haynes as he tries to turn Reliant Motors

into a successful company (T) (173803)

10.28 VIDEO NATION SHORTS (740071) 10.30 Newshight (897303) 11.15 This Life (361551) 11.55 Weather (891532)

12.00 The Midnight Hour (82385)

Lowland Farms (83014)

12.30am LEARNING ZONE: O.U.: Darwin and

Diversity 1.00 A School of Genes (59120)

1.30 Rats and Super Rats (52977) 2.00 Into Music (61851) 4.00 English Heritage

(25236) 4.30 Unicef in the Classroom: Meena (47385) 5.00 Modem Apprenticeships (23217) 5.30 Birds on

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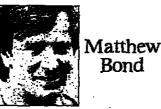
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(691984) 5.55 Turning Points (419358)

make some obscure point about Oxford linguistics and succeeding

only in unsetting his subject still further ("I never attended a place of learning myself"), Isaacs quickly succumbed to the inevitable subject of the Pinter pause. There are words and there are silences between words?" Yes. Terrible question. Good answer.

saacs tried again. "And is there silence within the words?" Toecurling question, rewarded with complex but not uninteresting answer about "the silence of fear - fear of being known, of knowledge, of intimacy. So, began Isaacs — going for the big one — if we use words to protect ourselves, "do your characters mean what they say or does what they say conceal what they mean?" Goodness, even the Cheshire Cat would



have had trouble with that. But for those interested, I think the answer was . . . a bit of both.

Eventually, and after a more successful section dealing with the playwright's childhood, Isaacs brought the painful process to a cliched close. "Let's end with a silence." Pinter looked relieved and I mourned the umpteen questions that Isaacs failed to ask. Why did you start writing? What do you un-

channel schedulers, we never strayed far from the early 1960s. When Pinter was at his most prolific on this side of the Atlantic, the Kennedy years were being brought to an abrupt end on the other. Last night, that distinguished Washington veteran Charles Wheeler advanced his own theory about the Kennedy killing. Apparently somebody called Lee Harvey Oswald shot him. Sounds pretty unlikely to me. Anyway, the result was that Lyndon B. Johnson was sworn in as President, started tape-recording his telephone calls and, 34 years later. Wheeler got the chance to play some of them back to us in Secret History: Hello Mr President (Channel 4). It was a programme that got better as it went along, as we were refamiliarised

on. It was Johnson, by the way, who advised Nixon to tape his own phone calls, a delicious nugger that Wheeler left until the end.

his Johnson backwards and proved an ideal guide to the recordings, backed up by a cleverly crafted combination of archive film, recreations and firsthand testimony from secretaries and advisers. This call. Wheeler announced, was "a classic example of Johnson's strong-arm technique". Others illustrated his "craving for praise", or his "dis-

Theeler, however, knows

trust of Kennedy's inner circle". With the President's workaholic nature established, one call had him on to the head of the Civil Service seeking "the five smartest, best educated, fastest and prettiest

qualifications for women suitable for a very different job: "charming. intelligent, and devoted to the motherland. Tick all three and you had just volunteered for a spot of "bed espionage", the tacky story of which was told in the predictably prurient but well researched Inside Story: The Honeytrap (BBC1).

As has become the norm, former KGB people queued up to talk to tell tales out of the Lubyanka to a Western documentary-maker. Using Russian women to recruit British agents was very difficult, we learnt, until the KGB discovered homosexuality and it suddenbecame a whole lot easier. The Italians and Spanish were easy, but the Dutch were the worst almost impossible to recruit. We were never told why.

BBC1 6.00am BUSINESS BREAKFAST (26919) 7.00 BBC BREAKFAST NEWS (1) (14087) 9.00 BREAKFAST NEWS EXTRA (I)

9.45 KILROY (1849919) 10.30 CAN'T COOK, WON'T COOK (66377) 11.00 NEWS (T) and weather (6062071) 11.05 THE REALLY USEFUL SHOW

11.45 SMILLIE'S PEOPLE Melvyn Bragg (6929938)

12.00 NEWS (1) and weather (7723990) 12.30 GOING FOR A SONG (4604629) 1.00 NEWS (T) and weather (17174) 1,30 REGIONAL NEWS (44782990) 1.40 NEIGHBOURS (T) (74691087) 2.05 POLICE RESCUE (8640280) 2.50 PUT IT TO THE TEST (3513700. 3.15 HOLIDAY OUTINGS (6455280) 3.30 PLAYDAYS (3609648) 3.50

5.10 Blue Peter (1) (1523342) 5.35 NEIGHBOURS (r) (1) (692613) 6.00 NEWS (1) and weather (551) 6.30 NEWSROOM SOUTH EAST (803)

7.00 A QUESTION OF SPORT England goal

7.30 TOMORROW'S WORLD Report on a pioneering superglue to fix wounds as an atternative to striches following one British doctor who successfully tepairs perforated sandrums. Plus, the sound

Holmes and Esther McVev meet the RAF

through his work, and performs a 11.15 FILM: Gallipoli (1981) Patriotic Australians Mel Gibson and Mark Lee join

the Anzac Army to fight in the First World War, but soon find their vouthful idealism eroded by the harsh reality of the conflict: Directed by Peter Wair (256071)

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9.20 ALL OVER THE SHOP (8642687)

12.05pm THE ALPHABET GAME (8961174). 12.55 THE WEATHER SHOW (27119396)... Chucklevision (3516984) 4.10 Popeye and Son (1485464) 4.35 The Wild House (7691261) 5.00 Newsround (1) (6838975)

keeper David Seaman, goller Laura Davies, champion National Hunt jockey. Tony McCoy and England rugby unions star Lawrence Dallaglio Join team captains Ally McCoist and John Parapit. Chaired by David Coleman (1) (4396)

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pilots who took clear photographs of the enemy while flying at 450mph, and reveal how a team from the British Film institute old movie. Plus, the amezing bables who can swim safely underwater (T) (625209). 8.50 POINTS OF VIEW (1) (452938)

9.30 COMMON AS MUCK Tragedy strikes as the bin boys rush to the seaside to rescue New trom the clutches of gold-digger Irene (T) (661483)

OMNIBUS: The Wanderer Pianist Andres Schiff profiles the Austrian composer Franz Schubert selection of his greatest works as well as long-neglected piaces (1) (970803)

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#### AND CHARLES BBC2 6.00am OPEN UNIVERSITY: The Leathart Alvin Hall's Guide to Successful Investing Collection (4070919) 6.25 Stand by Your Bannar! (4082754) 6.50 Melodrama (4150483) 7.15 See Hear News (6939532) 7.30 Helpt It's the Heir Bear BBC2, 7.30pm

The smooth-talking New Yorker rounds off his series by looking at what he calls alternative investments. These can be anything from racehorses to fine wines, film posters, fine art photography and West End musicals. It is a lively trawl through an entertaining field, though even the National Lottery would seem to offer more promise of a quick fortune. For an expert who is supposed to minimize the good bets. Hall has supposed to pinpoint the good bets, Hall has surprisingly little to offer. On the contrary, he keeps saying how risky his feature investments are. He starts with an ostrich farm which went bust, losing its 4,000 investors 620 million, and even slips in a cautionary tale about the Dutch tulip craze of, wait for it, 1636. After watching Hall the boring old building society account suddenly looks like a good idea.

Travelog: Madrid and Andalucia Channel 4, 8.30pm

Regular viewers of *Travelog* will not be surprised that this programme on Spain keeps well clear of the Costa Brava and the Costa del Sol. Leaving the crowded beaches and faceless hotels to the package tourists. Samantha Norman explores Madrid, and the show's jocular resident guide, Pete McCarthy, goes to Andalucia. Even in the Spanish capital Norman forsakes the Prado and other big and famous art galleries for Goya frescoes in a tiny chapel, though her reports on shopping and nightlile are in more conventional vein. McCarthy, meanwhile, proves that just a few miles from Malaga airport, destination of a million British holidaymakers last year, lies mountainous scenery which is as ruggedly striking to look at as it is untouched by the encroachments of modern tourism.

Trouble at the Top: Robin Rides Again BBC2, 9.50pm

The latest film in an excellent series about-risky business ventures concerns the much-loved and much-mocked Reliam Robin. Three times in the past five years the company has gone bust. The latest saviour is Jonathan Heynes, whose experience of car manufacture has been at the other end of the market with Jaguar. He takes over a factory deserted and delapidated, its only assets 14 partly finished cars. With his wife running the accounts, and their young son helping to clean the floor. Hevnes mounts his rescue operation. His aim is to drive up production while driving down costs and he pushes himself and his workforce to the limit. His energy and determination are breathtaking but there are many nasty moments before he can claim that the favourite transport of Trotters International Traders is securely

Omnibus: The Wanderer BBC1, 10.25pm

The Hungarian pianist Andras Schiff makes an appropriate guide to the life and music of Franz Schubert, who was born 200 years ago this month. For one thing, Schiff is a distinguished modern interpreter of in extracts from the exquisite sonatas. For another, he reveals that Schubert, of all the great composers, is the one who touches him most. Schiff's portrait is as deft as his plano playing, drawn with light but telling strokes. He presents Schubert as a man of humility and simplicity who packed an enormous amount into a short span. It was a difficult life, blighted by lack of recognition and, latterly, the syphilis which killed him at the age of 31. But Schiff reckons it was a finished life, rather than one that was cut short and left promise unfulfilled. Peter Waymark

#### HTV 5. 6.00am GMTV (1595193)

9.25 WIN, LOSE OR DRAW (8627358) 9.55 REGIONAL NEWS (9420483) 10.00 THE TIME, THE PLACE (96193) 10.30 THIS MORNING (83080667) 12,20pm REGIONAL NEWS (7729174) 12.30 NEWS (T) and weather (4622025) 12.55 SHORTLAND STREET (4607716) 1.25 HOME AND AWAY (T) (T) (80085716) 1.50 AFTERNOON LIVE The guests are Stan Phillips and Dora Bryan (74606919)

2.20 VANESSA (1) (23452629) 2.50 AFTERNOON LIVE (9167174) 3.20 NEWS (6137667) 3.25 REGIONAL NEWS (6136938)

3.30 TOTS TV (2190349) 3.40 The Blobs (3698532) 4.15 The Sylvester and Tweety Mysteries (1479803) 4.40 Woof!

5.10 LOOK AND COOK: Classic Fruit 5.40 NEWS (1) and weather (948919) 6.00 HOME AND AWAY (r) (T) (782716) 6.25 HTV NEWS (T) (532700)

7,00 EMMERDALE Frank vows to stop the rumours circulating about baby James



Amanda Barrie, Helen Worth (7.30pm)

7.30 CORONATION STREET Gail and Alma almost come to blows (1) (483) 8.00 DES O'CONNOR TONIGHT Guests

include Lionel Richie, Eddie Izzard, Michelle Gayle and Phil Cool (3377) 9,00 HOLLYWOOD LOVERS (3/6) Goldie Hawn, Charlie Sheen, Bette Midler and First Wives' Club author Olivia Goldsmith

10.00 NEWS (T) and weather (76754) 10.30 REGIONAL NEWS (338613)

10.40 FILM: Night on the Town (1987) starring Elizabeth Shue, Maia Brewton and Keith Coogan. Comedy about the misadventures of a baby sitter and he charges when they embark on an errand of mercy in down town Chicago, Directed by Chris Columbus (30110759)

12.40am DATING THE ENEMY New series of heated debates in which men take one address the problems arising from modern relationships. Presented by Patricia Mitchell (6397859) 1.45 FILM: Erik the Viking (1989) Off-bea

historical satire starring and directed by Terry Jones with Tim Robbins and John 3,30 NOT FADE AWAY (r) (71236) 4.30 THE TIME, THE PLACE (r) (74439)

5.00 CORONATION STREET (r) (1) (10743)

As HTV West except: 12.55pm-1.25 A COUNTRY PRACTICE (4607716) 5.10-5.40 SHORT(AND STREET (8862358) 6.25-7.00 CENTRAL NEWS (532700)

10.40 HIGHLANDER: THE LADY AND THE TIGER (501822) 11.40 HUNTER (444358)

1.40am FUNKY BUNKER (2247236) 2.40 THE CHART SHOW (4813491) 3.35 COMEDY CENTRAL (6713526)

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last chance of a future with Jimmy? Will Mick finally manage to get some time alone with Etaine? And Terry makes a decision concerning his new-found family

8.30 TRAVELOG Sam Norman explores the city of Madrid which is becoming popular as a weekend break destination, and Pete McCarthy discovers the beauty of the Andalusia hills which although lying just behind Malaga and Gibrattar remain unspoilt by

9.00 HEROES OF COMEDY: ARTHUR HAYNES A tribute to the highest-paid relevision star of the 1960s. Includes contributions from, among others, Nicholas Parsons, Patricia Hayes, Charlie Chester and Johnny Speight (r) (T) (4483)



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Pierce raises roof to claim place in the last four



**WEDNESDAY JANUARY 22 1997** 

Townsend switched to stand-off

# Scotland take wholesale half measures

HAVING suggested in the immediate aftermath of defeat by Wales last weekend that a purge of the team was unlikely, the Scotland selectors appear to have had second thoughts. They have resorted to a radical overhaul of the side for the international against England at Twickennam on Saturday week.

The team, which was announced a week early yesterday to provide a longer period of preparation, shows seven changes, two of them positional. Bryan Redpath, Ronnie Eriksson, Derek Stark and lan Smith are recalled, while Tom Smith, the Watsonians loose-head prop, is the one new cap. Gregor Townsend switches to stand-off half and Tony Stanger to outside centre. Richie Dixon, the Scotland coach, denied the changes were drastic but admitted that the make-up of the England team, which was named on Monday, had a significant bearing on the electors' deliberations.

For some the surgery has not gone far enough, in that none of the 21-man A squad which emphatically beat Wales has been called upon. not even Alan Tait, whose shortage of top-flight rugby union since his return from league apparently counted against him. Others, such as Peter Wright and Eric Peters. can rightly feel aggrieved, but Arthur Hastie, the manager, said the whole of the A team had been considered and that those players should not be for now.

The clarion call for the reinstatement of Townsend at No 10 has been heeded and he links up again with Rednath in the half-back partnership which served Scotland well last season, and was only interrupted by the latter's back

injury, which prevented him from touring New Zealand. Redpath wins his 22nd cap at the expense of Gary Arm-strong, who, along with Craig Chalmers and Scott Hastings. is dropped to the replace-

Once the situation involving Townsend and Chalmers, which occupied much of the selectors' six-hour meeting on Monday night, had been re-solved in the Northampton player's favour, the decision was taken to pick a side which, according to Dixon, "would

create the environment in which Gregor would thrive". To that end, Eriksson, a hardtackling inside centre, wins his third cap and Ian Smith returns at open-side flanker after surgery on a broken thumb, despite his relative inactivity with Gloucester.

Smith's understanding with Townsend, who plays the game close to the gain-line, approach last season and the two have considerable mutual respect. Smith's recall means that Murray Wallace loses

Stanger's move to outside centre is puzzling, although it is a position he has flirted with, not entirely convincing-

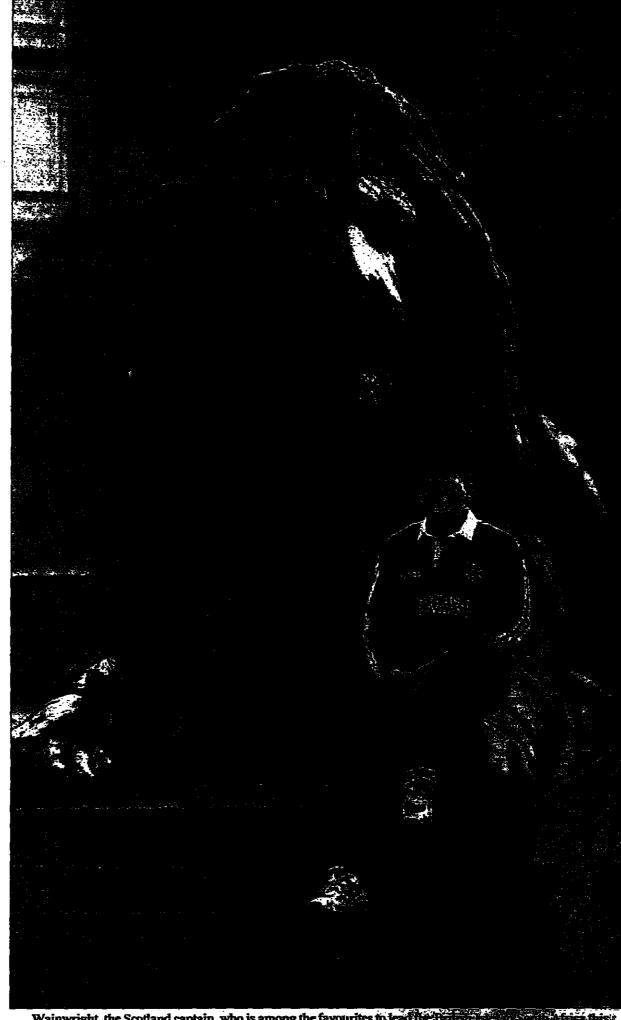
ly, for club and country over the past two seasons. A worrying lack of pace in the back three has partly been ad-dressed by the inclusion of Stark: Rowen Shepherd and Kenny Logan survive despite their unhappy experiences at Murraylield.

Tom Smith forms part of an inexperienced front row, With only three caps between them, this is an area which England will be looking to exploit. Smith, who makes his debut at the age of 25, was born in London and learnt the sport playing mini-rugby with London Welsh rather than attending Sunday school. He replaces David Hilton, an ever-present in the past 19 internationals.

Smith qualifies via Scottish grandparents and resembles David Sole in style and appearance, with a similarly single-minded approach to rugby. Once the doubts about his scrummaging had been answered in New Zealand. Smith's promotion was inevitable. He was also a key part of the Caledonia side which won the Inter-district championship.

Smith signed a full-time contract with the Scottish Rugby Union last autumn. He joined Watsonians last year. having played for Dundee High School Former Pupils, where he caught the eye of David Leslie, who at the time was manager of the under-21 Exiles side. Smith, a man of few words, stands 5ft 9in and

spite the defeat by Wales. "It was a setback in terms of this year's championship," he said. The first game you always want to play is against France. because even if you don't get it right against them the triple crown is still on. That and the grand slam have gone but the championship is still there if we can win our next three games. To do that we will have to play particularly well, starting at Twickenham, which hasn't been a happy place for us recently."



Wainwright, the Scotland captain, who is among the favourites to lead the Bank summer, poses with one of Landseer's beasts in Trafalgar Square after the s

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Selectors to name 60-strong shortlist for Lions

By DAVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THE first million-pound British Isles rugby union touring party will be put together over the next two months. As the five nations championship unfolds, so the 35 players who will represent the first professional Lions to make the trip to South Africa will come more sharply into focus.

As the host union, South Africa will bear a substantial share of the £1 million cost, but the Lions will also be spon-sored by Scottish Provident, the life assurance company, which will pay £400,000 for the right to have its name on the famous jerseys. The cost of support services will push the company's investment up to around £750,000 in a party that will include a manage-ment team of 11 — the biggest yet - including coaches, medi-cal and media staff. The Lions selectors will

watch the next round of five nations' games on February I. when England play Scotland and Wales entertain Ireland. before announcing a 60-strong squad from which they hope the final party, which will easis, three scrum halves and three hookers, will be drawn. We have to pick players who are free-thinking, prepered to be positive and not will have to make deciaons." Ian McGeechan, who ve Lions tour, said Heday: They must also be equivalent of six five 12 matches and three World

uary 23 when the contractual arrangements for the tour will be outlined, and the ifs important that we know early about the availability of players and that they, and their employers — the clubs are comfortable with what is on offer," Fran Cotton, the Lions manager, said. "My view, after talking to many players, is that money is not the most important factor this is the ninnacle of a British player's career." The tour parly will be approved in eatly. April and leave on May 17.

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# Maldini's defensive manoeuvres sweep Italy back to the future

IN PALERMO

BENEATH its imposing, even intimidating, crags, the Favorita Stadium and a packed, ecstatic Sicilian crowd await a diminished Northern Ireland: and Cesare Maldini's

remodelled Italy.

A remodelled Italy in that, after five years of four in line and pushing up to halfway under the never popular Arrigo Sacchi, back they go in an international football match tonight to the traditional catenaccio, a sweeper be-

hind two markers. Except that the designated sweeper, Ciro Ferrara, of Juventus, has not played as such for a long while and Paolo Maldini, the manager's son, is expected to be one of the central markers. It is a role that Maldini Jr has yet to fill. though he has, as he pointed out yesterday, played both as a centre back in a tour-man defence and, of course, as an

attacking left back. So far he has had a curiously poor season and is only just back again after fracturing a cheekbone. Worse still has been the season of his AC Milan colleague, the other central marker, "Billy" Costacurta, who has been sent off in consecutive games.

But a Northern Ireland team without Jain Dowie or Phil Gray up front, without Magilton and Lennon in midfield, without Gillespie on the right wing, is hardly likely to apply great pressure.

Not that this has ever been its way. When, last November, the Ulstermen achieved their gallant draw against Germany in Nuremburg, they had sweepers both behind and in front of the defence. Bryan

land manager, has called in Jon McCarthy, the Port Vale midfield player, to bolster his

weakened squad. Cesare Maldini, whose only chance this is before England and Wembley on February 12 to put the clock back successfully, said that he is not worried and he clearly is not. If things do not go right at first tonight, then they can be put

The team that he has chosen shows no surprises: round up the usual suspects, with Gianfranco Zola up front, with big Gigi Casiraghi, with Fabrizio Ravanelli likely to be brought on in the second half. Del Piero could come on then. too; he has a stomach upset and, Cesare Maldini said, all will depend on how he looks in training this morning.

"There's no such thing as a friendly game." Gerry Taggart, Northern Ireland's resilent centre back and scorer of their goal in Germany, said. "They're probably only playEngland and they want to try their system out."

Hamilton has not lost an away match since he took over three years ago. The Italians, I feel, are a very good side although they have had some indifferent performances recently," he said. Chelsea's two Italians, Zola

and Roberto Di Matteo, seemed particularly cheerful.



## Gough opts to play for Kansas next season

RICHARD GOUGH, the Rangers and Scotland central defender, confirmed yesterday that he will play for Kansas City Wizards in the Major League next season. Two FA Carling Premiership clubs, believed to be Sheffield Wednesday and Southampton, had expressed an interest in signing Gough, 34, who also turned down offers from Japan and Europe.

Bristol City have banned 15 spectators for life for their part in violence after the H

draw with Bristol Rovers in the Nationwide League second division match at Ashton Gate on December 15. A Football Association hearing into the crowd trouble takes

place today. Peter Boizot is expected to be confirmed as the owner of Peterborough United tomorrow. Boizot. 68, founder of the Pizza Express chain, has become the majority shareholder.

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one system or another system." Di Matteo said. The great immediate difference that Makini less made to his squad is plainly to take of the pressure. As Paolo Makini pointed out: "He had shryeses working with Enzo Bearzot. That is to say the revered training manager, who took littly to three World Cups and want one in 1982. Had it been Sacria who

can see for yourselves how casually they are training.

Tommy Wright, the goal keeper who remained to file Northern Ireland team after. years of travail and three probably have to supply ex processly have to supply even more heroics than he did it

follow the present Vingles practice of manifesticing Zola Hamilton replied that he had rammon replied that he had in Morrow, a player who might do it, but there were so many training not be wary of Hamilton mity well give the 17-year old Zimbahwean midfield player, Jeff Whiteley, a spell in the

spell in the second half though he will not start him. Thinking of Wembley Glern Hoddle, the watching England coach, would doubt less be far less interested in the result than in how far an Italy defence that has stepped back into its tactical past seems to settle down. Cesare Making is well aware of Alam Shearer

and Les Ferdinand.

